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Dr Anne Webster MP

Member for Mallee

Dear Dr Webster

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Branch Manager (A/g), Transparency, Assurance and Legal

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4 February 2025

Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee
PO Box 1133
Mildura, VIC, 3502

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Webster

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to undertake assurance activities in relation to the work expenses of members of parliament.

IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

Please note that IPEA publishes completed assurance reviews on the website at www.ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit/published-assurance-reviews.

Legislative framework

The use of travel expenses for family reunion must meet the three-part test below, set out in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:

*A family member of a member travels for **family reunion purposes** if:*

- (a) the member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business; and*
- (b) the family member travels to accompany or join the member; and*
- (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.*

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Section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties.

The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in part 3 - division 2 of the PBR Act.

Action Required

Attachment B details your Commonwealth-funded family reunion travel within the period that is relevant to this Assurance Review, and we have set out questions for your response. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition of Parliamentary Business as outlined in the Determination and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **28 February 2025**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603



Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

I, Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance, make the following determination.

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences at the same time as the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in the definitions section of the Act, including the following:

- (a) *constituent*;
- (b) *member*;
- (c) *office holder*, and
- (d) *vice regal function*.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, an activity specified in a Schedule to this determination is specified whether it takes place within Australia or overseas.

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

Attachment B

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Travel fares – Regional Express (REX) Airlines – Spouse	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9 December 2022	1:50pm	Melbourne	9 December 2022	3:10pm	\$290.52
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Melbourne Airport	9 December 2022	3:10pm	Melbourne		5:14pm	\$185.82
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)	Dr Anne Webster				[REDACTED] Melbourne	9 December 2022		\$402.00
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Melbourne	10 December 2022	8:31am	Melbourne	9 December 2022	9:05am	\$128.70

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne between 9-10 December 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne between 9-10 December 2022?
3. Please advise whether your family members' travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:
 - a. You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business; and
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Travel fares – Qantas Airways – Self	Dr Anne Webster	Canberra	26 May 2023	9:50am	Melbourne	26 May 2023	11:00am	\$1006.36
Travel fares – Qantas Airways - Spouse	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	26 May 2023	10:25am	Melbourne	26 May 2023	11:50am	\$360.10
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Melbourne Airport	26 May 2023	12:05pm	Clayton		1:12pm	\$103.85
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)	Dr Anne Webster				RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick, VIC	26 May 2023		\$296.00
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Clayton	26 May 2023	2:15pm	Creswick		5:25pm	\$653.69
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Creswick	27 May 2023	4:19pm	Melbourne		6:10pm	\$434.52
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Melbourne	28 May 2023	4:15pm	Melbourne Airport		4:51pm	\$125.70
Travel fares – Qantas Airways – Self	Dr Anne Webster	Melbourne	28 May 2023	6:25pm	Canberra	28 May 2023	7:30pm	\$1006.36
Travel Allowance – Commercial (5 nights)	Dr Anne Webster				Canberra	28 May 2023		\$1495.00
Travel fares – Qantas Airways - Spouse	[REDACTED]	Melbourne	28 May 2023	6:45pm	[REDACTED]	28 May 2023	8:10pm	\$360.10

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Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne between 26-28 May 2023?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne between 26-28 May 2023?
3. Please advise whether your family members' travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:
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Travel fares – Qantas Airways – Self	Dr Anne Webster	Melbourne	22 June 2023	3:50pm	Canberra	22 June 2023	4:55pm	\$507.91
Travel fares – Qantas Airways - Spouse	[REDACTED]	Melbourne	22 June 2023	3:50pm	Canberra	22 June 2023	4:55pm	\$507.91
Travel fares – Qantas Airways – Self	Dr Anne Webster	Canberra	23 June 2023	8:10am	Sydney	23 June 2023	9:05am	\$187.17
Travel fares – Qantas Airways - Spouse	[REDACTED]	Canberra	23 June 2023	8:10am	Sydney	23 June 2023	9:05am	\$187.17
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Mascot	23 June 2023	9:05am	Lucas Heights		9:59am	\$143.14
COMCAR	Dr Anne Webster	Lucas Heights	23 June 2023	2:15pm	Mascot		3:26pm	\$147.20
Travel fares – Qantas Airways – Self	Dr Anne Webster	Sydney	23 June 2023	5:50pm	[REDACTED]	23 June 2023	8:15pm	\$401.87
Travel fares – Qantas Airways - Spouse	[REDACTED]	Sydney	23 June 2023	5:50pm	[REDACTED]	23 June 2023	8:15pm	\$401.87

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney between 22-23 June 2023?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney between 22-23 June 2023?
3. Please advise whether your family members' travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:
 - a. You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business; and
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Good afternoon

Please find attached evidence for the following dates for Family Reunion Travel for 2022 -2023

Family Reunion Travel

9 - 10 December 2022

[REDACTED] Webster travelled with Dr Anne Webster MP December 9th, 2022, to Melbourne to attend

The National Board of Management - Victoria Head office (please see attached)

After the meeting Vic National Christmas Party – 113, 30 Collins St Melbourne

Stayed overnight with Anne Webster MP at [REDACTED] Melbourne [REDACTED]
Melbourne

Comcar was used for travel to from & to Airport.

26 – 28 May 2023

[REDACTED] Webster met Anne Webster MP in Melbourne on the 26 May 2023 they both visited the Victorian Heart Hospital in Blackburn

Anne Webster shadow assistant minister for regional health. She is pushing for a catheterisation laboratory ('cath lab') to be established in Mildura and was referred to Dr [REDACTED] by Dr [REDACTED], who recently established a cath lab [REDACTED]

Anne & [REDACTED] then travelled to RACV Goldfields Resort in Creswick to attend NPAV Board of Management (please see attached)

After the meeting Anne & [REDACTED] Webster attended a Gala Dinner (The 2023 state conference)

27 May – The 2023 State conference from 8.00 to 4.30

Buloke time Page 3 (attached)

Comcar was used for this travel

28 May – Anne flew back to Canberra and [REDACTED] returned to [REDACTED]

22 – 23 June 2023

21 June Anne & [REDACTED] were in Melbourne on personal matter

22 June [REDACTED] accompany Anne to Canberra

23 June Nationals trip to ANSTO Lucas Heights (see Attached)

23 June Anne & [REDACTED] returned to [REDACTED]

Comcar was used for this travel.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] I Electorate Officer
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP

Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health
P: 03 5021 5987: E: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | FP

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Member for Mallee

Dear Dr Webster
Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.
Sincerely
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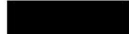
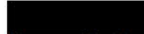
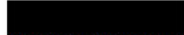
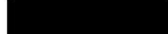
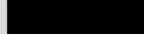
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ANSTO VIP Visit				
Parliamentary Friends of Nuclear Industries				
DATE:	Friday 23 June 2023			
HOST:	██████████ ANSTO CEO			
CONTACTS ON THE DAY:	██████████ Senior Advisor, Government and International Affairs - ██████████ ██████████ National Education and Engagement Manager – ██████████			
TRANSPORT ONSITE:	ANSTO Bus			
GUEST DETAILS	Name	Title		
	Hon. Dr David Gillespie MP	Member for Lyne, National Party		
	Dr Michael Freeland MP	Member for Macarthur, Labor Party		
	Hon. Luke Howarth MP	Member for Petrie, Liberal National Party (QLD)		
	Senator the Hon. Marise Payne	Senator for NSW, Liberal Party		
	Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP	Member for Higgins, Labor Party		
	Dr Anne Webster MP	Federal Member for Mallee, National Party		
	Mr Llew O'Brien MP	Member for Wide Bay, Liberal National Party		
	Ms Jenny Ware MP	Federal Member for Hughes, Liberal Party		
	Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP	Member for New England, National Party		
	██████████	Adviser to Llew O'Brien		
	██████████	Adviser to Luke Howarth		
	██████████	Adviser to Marise Payne		
	██████████	Husband of Dr Anne Webster MP		
Time	Minutes Allocated	Action	Venue	ANSTO Representative
9:40	20	Arrival at ANSTO Discovery Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security and safety briefing Guests issued with passes (prepared in advance) Transfer to ANSTO vehicle 	B65 Discovery Centre	██████████ ANSTO CEO ██████████ Director Corporate Affairs ██████████ ██████████
10:00	5	Welcome to ANSTO	B65 Discovery Centre	██████████ ██████████ ██████████
10:05	5	Travel to OPAL		██████████

10:10	5	Photo Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo outside Reactor Building (weather permitting) 	B83 In front of building	[REDACTED] OPAL Reactor Manager [REDACTED] Reactor Technician and Vice President of Australian Nuclear Association [REDACTED]
10:15	45	OPAL Multi-purpose Reactor	B80 L13 Observation Room and Control Room	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
11:00	20	Australian Centre for Neutron Scattering	B82 Viewing Platform	[REDACTED] Leader – Neutron Scattering [REDACTED]
11:20	5	Travel		[REDACTED]
11:25	15	ANSTO Nuclear Medicine	B88	[REDACTED] ANSTO Health Manufacturing Manager [REDACTED]
11:40	5	Travel		[REDACTED]
11:45	20	Centre for Accelerator Science	B53	[REDACTED] Leader – Centre for Accelerator Science [REDACTED]
12:05	10	Travel		[REDACTED]
12:15	60	Working Lunch Please see attached agenda.	B1 Huxlin Room	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chief Nuclear Officer [REDACTED] Group Executive: Nuclear Safety Security and Stewardship [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
13:15	5	Travel		[REDACTED]
13:20	25	Waste Operations – Intermediate Waste	B93	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
13:45	5	Travel		[REDACTED]

13:50	40	SyMo (Synroc for Molybdenum) Construction Site	B89	 Chief Engineer  Synroc Technical Director  Synroc Process Engineer 
14:40	5	Travel		
14:45		Depart site	B65 Discovery Centre	

Formal Meeting Agenda

Meeting title	VIP Visit – Parliamentary Friends of Nuclear Industries		
Date	23 June 2023	Time	12:15pm
		Venue	B1 Huxlin Room
Chair	[REDACTED], ANSTO CEO		
Attendees	ANSTO	[REDACTED]	
	Parliamentary Friends of Nuclear Industries	Hon. Dr David Gillespie MP Dr Michael Frelander MP Hon. Luke Howarth MP Senator the Hon. Marise Payne Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP Dr Anne Webster MP Mr Llew O'Brien MP Ms Jenny Ware MP Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP [REDACTED] (advisor) [REDACTED] (advisor) [REDACTED] (advisor)	
Item	Subject		
1.	WELCOME (5 min)		
1.1	Welcome to ANSTO by ANSTO CEO [REDACTED]		
1.2	Reply from [REDACTED]		
2.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & Q&As (50 mins)		
2.1	Critical Minerals Activities (20 mins) [REDACTED]		
2.3	ANSTO support of AUKUS (20 mins) [REDACTED]		
2.4	Nuclear Industry Workforce Development (10 mins) [REDACTED]		
3.	MEETING CLOSE (5 min)		
3.1	Final remarks from ANSTO CEO and [REDACTED]		



Thursday 23 June 2022 12:23 - Sydney, NSW

Itinerary for

WEBSTER/ [REDACTED]

Booking Number: [REDACTED]

PNR Reference: XOHMCP

Consultant: [REDACTED]

Booked By: [REDACTED]

Departure Date: 09 Dec 22

Debtor: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA)

Return Date: 11 Dec 22

CTM CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you require assistance with booking changes or amendments, please contact CTM 24/7 on the following numbers:

Within Australia - 1800 187 584

Outside Australia - +61 2 8286 7499

Email: [REDACTED]

Date	Service	Details		
Friday 09 Dec 22	Flight	Airline: QANTAS AIRWAYS	Flight QF [REDACTED]	[REDACTED], AUSTRALIA
		Departure Date: Fri 09 Dec 22 at 10:05		[REDACTED], AUSTRALIA
		Arrival Date: Fri 09 Dec 22 at 11:25		MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
		Aircraft: De Havilland Canada DHC-8-300 Dash 8/8Q		
		Class: B - Economy FLEX		
		Stops: Non-Stop		
		Airline Reference: 5FT4YZ		
		Code Share: /QANTASLINK - EASTERN AUSTRALIA A/L		
		Status: Confirmed		
		Baggage: 2 pieces		
		Details: [REDACTED], AUSTRALIA (TERMINAL -) MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (TERMINAL - TERMINAL 1), Dept Time 09-12-2022 10:05, Arrival Time 09-12-2022 11:25 - Travelling time: 1 hr 20 mins - Meal Service: Refreshment		
Sunday 11 Dec 22	Flight	Airline: QANTAS AIRWAYS	Flight QF [REDACTED]	[REDACTED], AUSTRALIA
		Departure Date: Sun 11 Dec 22 at 15:30		MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
		Arrival Date: Sun 11 Dec 22 at 16:55		[REDACTED] AUSTRALIA
		Aircraft: De Havilland Canada DHC-8-300 Dash 8/8Q		
		Class: B - Economy FLEX		
		Stops: Non-Stop		
		Airline Reference: 5FT4YZ		
		Code Share: /QANTASLINK - EASTERN AUSTRALIA A/L		
		Status: Confirmed		
		Baggage: 2 pieces		
		Details: MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (TERMINAL - TERMINAL 1) [REDACTED] AUSTRALIA (TERMINAL -), Dept Time 11-12-2022 15:30, Arrival Time 11-12-2022 16:55 - Travelling time: 1 hr 25 mins - Meal Service: Refreshment		

Frequent Flyer Numbers

WEBSTER/ [REDACTED]

FF QF [REDACTED]

Pre Pay	Description	Rates ex GST	Taxes/Fees ex GST	GST	AUD Total
Ticket	QF - B - Economy FLEX 11 Dec 22 MELBOURNE- [REDACTED]	258.04	28.20	28.62	314.86
Ticket	QF - B - Economy FLEX 09 Dec 22 [REDACTED] MELBOURNE	258.04	28.20	28.62	314.86
Due		516.08	56.40	57.24	629.72
Total Booking Cost Inc Pay Direct				57.24	629.72

Final Ticket Date: 30 Jun 22

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For both domestic and international travel we recommend you familiarise yourself with airline and hotel requirements around passenger vaccination requirements, safety, face mask requirement and the need to produce evidence meeting airline/hotel and border control regulations in relation to a negative COVID-19 test both for transit and final destination passengers. This information is subject to change without notice so we recommend you update yourself in relation to the relevant airline/hotel/government policies for your entire journey at each of (i) the time of booking, (ii) as you approach your travel date, and (iii) immediately before travel.

For International Travel it is the passengers responsibility to contact the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade ("DFAT") or visit their website at <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au> for general travel advice, as well as specific advice (including safety alert levels) relating to the destination you wish to visit or where you are returning to. You can also register your travel plans with DFAT, so that you may be more easily contacted in an emergency.

It is the passengers responsibility to familiarise yourself with the current status to Australia's immigration and border arrangements during the COVID-19 outbreak, available at <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au>.

You acknowledge that you are choosing to travel at a time where you may be exposed to the Coronavirus. It is your own responsibility to acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information, including applicable health risks. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made based on your own consideration of this information, and you acknowledge and agree that you are aware of, and assume responsibility for, the risks associated with traveling at this time. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept no liability in relation to these additional risks

DOMESTIC BAGGAGE

Baggage is included in most fare types, please refer to your itinerary for the included baggage allowance on each sector of your booking. Please note Platinum, Gold, Silver frequent flyer members may receive additional baggage concessions

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NPAV 2023 CALENDAR
DRAFT MEETING DATES



FEBRUARY		
18 Saturday	TBC	Women's Executive Conference
24 Friday	4.30pm	Finance Committee, HO
24 Friday	6:00pm	Board of Management, HO
21 Tuesday	11:59pm	Deadline – AGMs, Motions, Nominations
MARCH		
15 Wednesday	7:00pm	Special Board of Management – Motions, Zoom
24 Friday	6:00pm	Board of Management – HO
25 Saturday	10:30am	State Council – Motions, Melbourne
APRIL		
27 Thursday	4.30pm	Finance Committee – Budget 1, Zoom
27 Thursday	6:00pm	Board of Management, Zoom
MAY		
26 Friday	3.00pm	Finance Committee – Budget 2, HO
26 Friday	4:00pm	Board of Management, Zoom
27 Saturday	8.30am	Annual State Conference
JUNE		
23 Friday	6:00pm	Board of Management – Budget, HO
24 Saturday	10:30am	State Council – Elections, Melbourne
JULY		
27 Thursday	4.30pm	Finance Committee, HO
27 Thursday	6:00pm	Board of Management, HO
AUGUST		
25 Friday	6:00pm	Board of Management, Zoom
SEPTEMBER		
TBC	TBC	Federal Council
21 Thursday	4.30pm	Finance Committee, HO
21 Thursday	6:00pm	Board of Management, Zoom
OCTOBER		
20 Friday	6:00pm	Board of Management, HO
21 Saturday	10:30am	State Council, Melbourne
NOVEMBER		
16 Thursday	4.30pm	Finance Committee, HO
16 Thursday	6:00pm	Board of Management, Zoom
DECEMBER		
8 Friday	4:00pm	Board of Management, HO
8 Friday	6:00pm	Christmas Party, Melbourne
9 Saturday	10:30am	State Council, Melbourne
22 Friday	5:00pm	Head Office Closes

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Northern Approach

1. Take the M5 to the Fairford Rd exit which is marked with signs to Menai and Wollongong (please note that a toll is payable).
2. Head south for approximately 14kms staying on Fairford Rd as it turns into Davies Rd, Alford's Point Rd and New Illawarra Rd (all of these will be designated as Route 6).
3. ANSTO will be on your left.

Southern Approach

1. Take the Princes Highway to Engadine then turn into Heathcote Rd which is marked with signs to Menai and Liverpool.
2. Head west for 54 kms and turn right onto New Illawarra Rd for 1.8 kms.
3. ANSTO will be on your right.

To Reception

1. Turn off New Illawarra Rd onto Rutherford Ave and proceed approximately 150 metres to a roundabout at the top of the small hill.
2. Turn right at the roundabout and proceed approximately 550 metres towards the main entrance.
3. Turn left before the main gate to enter the reception carpark.

To the Discovery Centre

1. Turn off New Illawarra Rd onto Rutherford Ave and proceed approximately 150 metres to a roundabout at the top of the small hill.
2. If you are arriving by car, turn left (marked with signs to Motel Café) and then into one of the car parks immediately on your left or right.
3. If arriving by bus*, turn left (marked with signs to Motel Café) and then park in the last bay of the car park on your left.
4. Walk to the Discovery Centre which is directly opposite the Café next to Gate 19, using the footpaths and pedestrian crossings provided.

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Family Reunion Travel

9 - 10 December 2022

████ Webster travelled with Dr Anne Webster MP December 9th, 2022, to Melbourne to attend The National Board of Management - Victoria Head office (please see attached)

After the meeting Vic National Christmas Party – l13, 30 Collins St Melbourne

Stayed overnight with Anne Webster MP ██████████ Melbourne ██████████ Melbourne

Comcar was used for travel to from & to Airport.

26 – 28 May 2023

████ Webster met Anne Webster MP in Melbourne on the 26 May 2023 they both visited the Victorian Heart Hospital in Blackburn

Anne Webster shadow assistant minister for regional health. She is pushing for a catheterisation laboratory ('cath lab') to be established in Mildura and was referred to Dr ██████ by Dr ██████, who recently established a cath lab ██████████

Anne & ██████ then travelled to RACV Goldfields Resort in Creswick to attend NPAV Board of Management (please see attached)

After the meeting Anne & ██████ Webster attended a Gala Dinner (The 2023 state conference)

27 May – The 2023 State conference from 8.00 to 4.30

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Comcar was used for travel

28 May – Anne flew back to Canberra and ██████ returned to ██████

22 – 23 June 2023

21 June Anne & ██████ were in Melbourne on personal matter

22 June ██████ accompany Anne to Canberra

23 June Nationals trip to ANSTO Lucas Heights (see Attached)

23 June Anne & ██████ returned to ██████

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2022/23

Agenda

4:30pm

Friday 9 December 2022

Head Office

Members:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dr Anne Webster MP

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Officers in Attendance: [REDACTED] (State Director) and [REDACTED] (Assistant State Director).

1. Meeting Opening

- 1.1. Welcome
- 1.2. Quorum
- 1.3. Conflicts of Interest
- 1.4. Apologies
- 1.5. Minutes of the previous meetings 14 October and 31 October
- 1.6. Matters arising from previous minutes

2. Matters for Decision

- 2.1. Memberships
 - 2.1.1. New & Ceased
- 2.2. 2023 Meeting Dates
- 2.3. 2023 Conference Fees

3. Matters for Discussion

- 3.1. State Director's Report
- 3.2. State President's Report
- 3.3. State Leader's Report
- 3.4. Federal Report
- 3.5. Finance Report
- 3.6. Young Nationals Report
- 3.7. Women's Executive Report
- 3.8. Committee Reports
 - 3.8.1. Membership
 - 3.8.2. Rules Revision
 - 3.8.3. Policy

4. Matters for Noting

- 4.1. Correspondence

5. General Business

- 5.1. Other Business

6. Next Meeting

TBC Friday 24 February 2023, 6:00pm at Head Office

7. Meeting Close

[REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP)

From: [REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP)
Sent: Monday, 29 May 2023 11:02 AM
To: [REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP)
Cc: Webster, Anne (Private)
Subject: FW: article Jacinta P presentation from [REDACTED]
Attachments: Jacinta Nampijinpa Price article May 23.docx

[REDACTED] in case you are tasked to assist

Anne, what would we do with something like this write-up someone is running by you from the Nats conference about Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, which she wants to submit to the Buloke Times?

[REDACTED] Chief of Staff

Office of Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health
P: 03 5021 5987 | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Webster, Anne (MP)
Subject: article Jacinta P presentation from [REDACTED]

Dear Anne

If you have time, please check for accuracy of this article I have written. It is as Jacinta presented but of course one or two points may need correcting. I have written it for the Buloke times.

Trusting it will help the 'No' vote

Saturday 27 May - Conference

8.30am

RACV Resort

To register online please click [HERE](#)

All registrations must be returned by Friday 5 May.

There will be no registration available on the day.

We look forward to you joining us.

If you have any questions, please phone 9600 1424 or email

Kind regards,

Victorian Nationals



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Jacinta continued to say she believes that indigenous bullies have taken control of the country. Yes incarceration rates are high among indigenous men but it is caused by violence against their own people. The Voice is fostering 'it is someone's fault' – victim mentality.

Indigenous people are being taught to view themselves as victims - 'not your responsibility to fix themselves'. This is being pushed by privileged indigenous people. It will be a Voice for them and will leave out the marginalised. They would rather maintain the status quo than changing lives. Jacinta encourages say No to racial divide. There has not been an audit on the billions of dollars spent of indigenous affairs. – what works and what does not work. It would be better to ask each clan holding their land right what do they want. It is a human right to be treated the same. Currently, the land that has been awarded as land rights is controlled by bureaucracy not by the people. It would be better for the clan group to decide whether they wanted mining on their land or not or a family to buy and build their own home. Currently, economic development is not encouraged.

Treaty demands are not appropriate as we have not had a war. A treaty comes after a war. Jacinta is concerned that the situation that New Zealand is in will be duplicated here eg at the beginning of the Covid pandemic when vaccines were in short supply, the NZ Govt decided on the basis that the most vulnerable will receive the vaccine first – those in aged care and seniors. The Maori Tribunal said 'wait we have vulnerable people' – the outcome was that in practice Maori young men were receiving the vaccine before others of greater need. Jacinta opposes the proposed Victoria Treaty that any such Treaty may be detrimental to the right of landholders, water entitlements, use of National Parks and State forests. The Treaty advocates propose to reinvent the culture, Which Culture? Urban indigenous people have long since not lived to a particular culture. This opposition, also extends to the introduction of separate seats for minority groups in the Victorian Parliament.

Jacinta spoke of her fight for the human rights of children. There are many children removed from families because of neglect into caring foster families. Many of these children are removed from the foster home at 7 years old to be placed with indigenous families whether they are suitable or not. This is in the name of not repeating the Stolen Generation – culture comes first rather than the rights of the child to a loving, caring, safe family.

A Q & A session followed Jacinta's presentation, finishing with positive examples of indigenous enterprise accomplishments and 'What can we do to help you?' Unfortunately, time ran out for an answer on that question.

Alison McEwen

[REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP)

From: Victorian Nationals [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2023 1:49 PM
To: Webster, Anne (MP)
Subject: National Party Conference 26-27 May, 2023



Dear Anne,

The 2023 State conference is being held in Creswick on 26 - 27 May.



Following the successful State election for the Victorian National Party, the annual gala dinner and conference is a great opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate our greatest result since 1943.

The annual event will this year be held at the RACV Goldfields Resort, 1500 Midland Hwy, Creswick VIC 3363.

Please see information below or click [HERE](#) for the invitation and schedule.

Friday 26 May - Gala Dinner

6.30pm

RACV Resort

Please write in any corrections – put them in italics so I pick them up easily

Thank you so much

████████

PS It was a very good day. I would have liked ██████████ to speak on how we are going to move from Opposition to Govt. The Andrews Govt stirs me up so much. I am concerned with the Wok issues. When will we be able to put those very good resolutions into implemented policy?

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For the Shire of Buloke, and the districts of Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St. Arnaud, Watchem and Wycheproof



• Students from Charlton College and other local stakeholders met with YACVic during their visit to Charlton. (L-R) Rory White (Buloke Shire Council), Meaghan King (Charlton College), Cooper Boyle, Hugh Sait, Katherine Ellis (YACVic), Ned Zagame, Matt Allan (Northern District Community Health), Molly Meadows (North Central LLEN), Riya Rajesh (YACVic), Jane Hosking (North Central LLEN)

Youth Affairs Council Members On Tour

The North Central LLEN in partnership with Northern District Community Health recently hosted a visit by Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) CEO, Katherine Ellis, and her team, to meet with young people impacted by floods across Buloke, Loddon and Gannawarra Shires last year as part of their submission to the Victorian Government Inquiry into the Victorian Floods.

The visit included stops at Gannawarra, Boort and Charlton to meet with local

youth and representatives from North Central LLEN and Northern District Community

Health to talk about their experiences, and also find out about some of the initiatives

that have been undertaken as part of an Umbrella Grant to support young people as they recover from floods.

Kerang

In Kerang, Northern District Community Health Staff and members of the Summerwave Organising Committee met with Ms Ellis and

other members of the YacVIC team, explaining that the impact was immediately felt through the postponement of the original Summerwave event in earlier November due to the floods, and how an event such as this is can play such an important part in community connectivity.

Boort

Over lunch in Boort, a group of students from Boort District School, and Summerwave performer Elias Lanyon met with the YacVIC team for an engaging conversation about the impact of the floods on the Boort community, particularly young

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Another Rushed Change to Interconnector West

The Victorian Government has taken another step to accelerate the Victoria-New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) project at the expense of Mallee landholders.

“State Energy Minister Lily D’Ambrosio has used her powers to order the Australian Energy Market Operator AEMO to proceed with another new preferred route for the project, Option 5A, following weeks of tokenistic and rushed consultation that has frustrated concerned farmers and communities,” says Member for Mallee Dr Anne Webster.

“This is the second time in three months the Minister has used her power to push through with a Ministerial Order to control the VNI West plan, and cynically she has done this new order on a Saturday to avoid the news cycle and any scrutiny.

“Communities were already being railroaded into what was Option 5, now at the stroke of a pen AEMO has option 5A on the table.

Absolute Mess

“Capping off this absolute mess, the energy market operator and the Victorian Labor Government have made,



• Dr. Anne Webster

AEMO mistakenly published their new route on Friday night before pulling it down because it was not intended to go up at that point. How can anyone have confidence in this entire process?”

Option 5A will connect the VNI West to the planned Western Renewables Link at Bulgana in the southern part of Mallee; however, now

diverts further north to a terminal station directly East of Kerang before crossing into NSW.

One of the signature projects of the Federal Government’s Rewiring The Nation Policy, the final route of VNI West will still require planning and environmental approvals.

“AEMO has said it will continue ongoing consultation as it works to refine the route,” Dr. Webster said.

“As I stated in Parliament last week, the consultative process so far has provided no social licence to the Labor Government to push forward with this project. The consultative process has provided no confidence to Mallee constituents so far and there is no evidence, despite the rhetoric, that it will do so.

“Our farmers feed and clothe the nation, and in return their land is being treated as a dumping ground for bad policy by Labor Governments at Federal and State level, as well as AEMO.”



• Jade Benham MP and Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety Danny O'Brien.

Budget Holes, Crumble Roads

“We don’t drive on the left side of the road, we drive on what’s left of them”.

That is the strong message from the The Nationals’ Member for Mildura, Jade Benham, after more roads funding cuts in a brutal State Budget.

Road maintenance funding has been slashed by 25 per cent from 2022 to 2023. In total, it has been cut a whopping 45 per cent since 2020.

“Regional Victoria’s crumbling roads will only decay, with funding cut from \$702.2 million to just \$441.6 million

in the last year alone,” Ms Benham says.

Ms Benham invited Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Danny O’Brien, to Wycheproof to inspect the desperately overdue repairs of the Wycheproof to Boort Road, along with many other crumbling roads that carry our food and fibre supplies to the city.

“Without the correct investment into road maintenance and rail freight network

projects this will ultimately cost lives at the end of the day,” said Mr O’Brien.

“This is not a Budget that makes lives better but one that burdens Victorians with more debt, more taxes, and cuts to promised infrastructure projects. It is a Budget that divides Victorians instead of uniting them.

“Regional Victorians are paying the price for Labor’s incompetence and life continues to get harder.”

Could This Happen in Victoria?

The ACT government has announced that it will compulsorily acquire ownership of the Calvary Hospital and property, demolish the building, and build a new one.

More than 32,000 people and counting (as of 29.5.23) have signed a petition that this proposal not be proceeded with. They are up in arms about the way this plan has been formulated; they claim the acquisition is not being done according to the rule of law or on just terms. 44 years ago, the Commonwealth asked for Calvary to be established, and the lease has 76 years to run.

A Bill for legislation was introduced on May 11, 2023, and the compulsory acquisition is to be on July 3. It is not disputed that governments can do compulsory acquisitions, but on just terms which, according to the ACT Land Acquisition Act 1994, Division 6.7, are to be determined by the Supreme Court or the High Court where the court considers that the acquisition is otherwise than on just terms.

The ACT government is not following this course; it says it will do the compulsory acquisition and then work out the just terms later through regulation. The government has suspended its own Standing Orders, which ordinarily provide for a two-month period of enquiry and reporting before the Assembly votes.

The ACT government's decision is clearly not about service delivery or finance. An independent review in 2018-19 found that the government-run Woden

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Hospital failed in more than 30 matters, which it had to fix before the registration was renewed. The hospital the government plans to build is estimated to cost \$1 billion, whereas the Little Company of Mary (the present operator of Calvary) has just finished building a hospital of comparable size in Adelaide for \$350 million.

Why is the ACT government taking over and demolishing a hospital and building a new one? It accuses Calvary of having a routine which normally does not perform abortions. But abortions, which are day procedures, are carried out in the ACT by other medical providers, e.g., the Marie Stopes group.

To get the other side of the story, we asked a GP doctor in Canberra for comment. She pointed out that there was a certain difficulty with referring a few patients who wanted a particular treatment which Calvary failed to provide.

The Prime Minister has been approached. Mr Albanese supports the decision of the Labor-Greens ACT government, and does not think it constitutes a precedent that others might follow. But is this false confidence?

Anyone following the Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse, and particularly the Cardinal Pell saga, on ABC television, will know that every time that channel reported on the Commission it started off by showing

a Catholic church. Yet the Commission was supposed to be considering abuse which went beyond religion, much less on faith and one representative of that faith. And the full High Court, unanimously, found that representative not guilty according to Australian law.

Without any need for a "conspiracy theory", it can be found that the publicly-funded ABC is inclined to mount an attack on Christian beliefs in general.

But let us stick to the example of the Calvary organisation.

The Little Company of Mary through Calvary Health Care has established hospitals and residential communities throughout Australia. If we just take Victoria, there are locations, including Bendigo and Ballarat, as well as other country areas.

Looking at Calvary Bethlehem Public Hospital in Caulfield South it is, apart from its experience in Progressive Neurological Disease (such as Motor Neurone Disease and Huntington's Disease) and Specialist Palliative Care, perhaps the nearest to Calvary Public Hospital ACT. It is a leader, working together with local council and community organisations, in encouraging open discussion about dying and loss. It is a denominational hospital which receives funding from the Victorian Department of Health, and is accredited by the Australian Council on Health Care Standards. Its services are vital to the Victorian community, supporting thousands of patients and their families each year.

The fear about Victoria, as well as other parts of Australia, is that a precedent is set which could have grave consequences for the other community groups, not just in that state but also around the country.

Birchip Landcare Heads to the Zoo

Birchip Landcare members made a trip to the Werribee Open Range Zoo this week, as part of their efforts to fight extinction of the Plains-wanderer.

Zoos Victoria is undertaking a captive breeding program for this bird, the size of a quail, which is critically endangered.

A purpose-built breeding aviary opened at Werribee in 2017, with Plains-wanderer chicks being born soon after. Captive breeding helps preserve the species' genetic diversity and repopulate wild numbers.

However, all of the Zoo's efforts amount to nothing if there is no suitable habitat for the birds to be released into, and this is where the Birchip Landcare Group comes in.

Landcare members have been raising awareness about the bird, so that there is a reduced risk of the birds being mistaken for quail and shot.

With funding from the Mallee CMA over the past 5 years, Birchip Landcare and Trust for Nature placed five "song meters" in three different suitable locations around Birchip. These record the bird's distinctive call.

Landcare president Brian Lea explains, "Landholders are now more aware that Plains-wanderers exist around Birchip. On two of the properties the song meters have picked up the calls of the Plains-wanderer birds. One

such property recorded 108 calls over a few days, which made the Birchip Landcare members very excited."

Birchip Landcare Group has been encouraging the maintenance and protection of the last remaining paddocks of native grasses in the district, which are the habitat for the Plains-wanderer.

Landcare president Brian Lea explains, "Plains-wanderers need native grasslands that are patchy and relatively open. Using closely managed grazing with livestock is an important way to maintain the complexity of the grasslands.

"Generally, we lose the bird's habitat when we crop

paddocks, as we lose the mix of plants that provide Plains-wanderers with food.

"We are looking forward to meeting with zoo keepers who have been working on

the captive breeding program and learning more about these amazing birds."

The zoo trip took place on May 30-31 and was supported by Trust for Nature.

This project is supported by the Mallee Catchment Authority, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

For more information contact Birchip Landcare Group.



• Male and female Plains-wanderer. Photo credit: D. Baker-Gabb.

Youth Affairs Council Members On Tour

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people at a critical time on the school calendar – the lead up to VCE exams.

Charlton

In Charlton, Year 10 students from Charlton College with their teacher Meaghan King, joined Northern Central LLEN staff and the YacVIC team to talk about their Geography project documenting the outcomes of the 2022 floods and 2011 flood comparisons/learnings on the local business community from an economic, social and community perspective.

North Central LLEN CEO Jane Hosking said it was great to hear about this timely project, and also the way in which young people were actively engaged during the floods helping with sandbagging for their neighbours and creating levies to protect the community.

"Catherine also asked them about their recollections of the 2011 floods impacts," said Ms Hosking.

"Whilst the boys were very young at the time they had vivid memories including one boy re-calling being carried out of his home on a neighbour's shoulders to be rescued by the CFA and another speaking of his family's experience during the six months it took for their house to be repaired."

Umbrella Project

The BLG Umbrella project provided support for young people across the Buloke, Loddon and Gannawarra Shires through the engagement of a project team to coordinate a range of activities between December 2022 and April 2023.

This included the YouThrive Victoria Dreamseeds program in schools in late

2022 to facilitate their workshop on resilience, aspiration and connection; financial support for the re-scheduled Summerwave Music Festival held in Kerang in February through the provision of free bus transport for young people living in Buloke and Loddon Shires to attend, and an activities area with staff from HeadSpace, YouThrive and Youth Take Over (YTO) available to connect with young people; and for "Summerwave on Tour" in May 2022.

The remainder of the funding throughout 2023 will introduce Phase One of the Live4Life program to our region empowering our rural communities to improve youth mental health and reduce youth suicide.

For more information about the BLG Umbrella Project visit www.ncllen.org.au/umbrella

• A sign developed by the Birchip Landcare Group.

Senator Speaks on the "Voice"

(By Alison McEwen)

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your camp at dawn to kill you and your family was no longer to be feared.

Jacinta's mother, Bess Price was promised as a second wife at 13. She said No, but a few months later she took up a partnership and became pregnant. From this difficult start, she went on to receive an education, university degree, to be a Minister of the Crown and a leader in her community and further afield.

Marrying a teacher, Bess raised Jacinta and her siblings to not have a "poor bugger me" attitude. Jacinta's grandfather taught her life is tough and hard – even though he had a period in jail – he still said "you are no one's victim".

Alice Springs was a good community to grow up in. Jacinta enjoyed her home and school years there. Her sons enjoy pointing out that they are descendants from the Scots, Irish, Welsh, English, Scandinavian and even Mauritius. Jacinta tells them they could make land claims on every continent in the world!

Bullies

Jacinta continued to say she believes that bullies have taken control of the country. Yes, incarceration rates are high among indigenous men, but it is caused by violence against their own people. The Voice is fostering "it is someone's fault" – victim mentality. Indigenous people are being taught to view themselves as victims – "not their responsibility to fix themselves". This is being pushed by privileged indigenous people. It will be a Voice for them and will leave out the marginalised. They would rather maintain the status quo

than changing lives. Jacinta encourages say "No" to racial divide. There has not been an audit on the billions of dollars spent of indigenous affairs – what works and what does not work.

It would be better to ask each clan holding their land right what do they want. It is a human right to be treated the same.

Currently, the land that has been awarded as land rights is controlled by bureaucracy, not by the people. It would be better for the clan group to decide whether they wanted mining on their land or not, or a family to buy and build their own home. Currently, economic development is not encouraged.

Treaty

Treaty demands are not appropriate, as we have not had a war. A treaty comes after a war. Jacinta is concerned that the situation that New Zealand is in will be duplicated here, e.g., at the beginning of the Covid pandemic when vaccines were in short supply, the NZ government decided on the basis that the most vulnerable will receive the vaccine first – those in aged care and seniors. The Maori Tribunal said "wait, we have vulnerable people" – the outcome was that in practice Maori young men were receiving the vaccine before others of greater need.

Jacinta opposes the proposed Victoria Treaty that any such Treaty may be detrimental to the right of landholders, water entitlements, use of National Parks and State forests.

The Treaty advocates propose to reinvent the culture, Which Culture? Urban indigenous people have long since not lived to a particular culture. This opposition also extends to the introduction of separate seats for minority groups in the Victorian Parliament.

Human Rights

Jacinta spoke of her fight for the human rights of children. There are many children removed from families because of neglect into caring foster families. Many of these children are removed from the foster home at 7 years old to be placed with indigenous families whether they are suitable or not.

This is in the name of not repeating the Stolen Generation – culture comes first rather than the rights of the child to a loving, caring, safe family.

A Q. & A. session followed Jacinta's presentation, finishing with positive examples of indigenous enterprise accomplishments and "What can we do to help you?" Unfortunately, time ran out for an answer on that question.

Footnote: Most of the voting public of Australia want to "Close the Gap", but is the Voice the way to do it?

Letter to the Editor



Surely Not

(The Editor, "The Times")

Dear Sir.– Another option. Now Option 5A. "The preferred option is a double circuit overhead transmission line between Victoria and New South Wales ... Crossing the Murray River, north of Kerang." (Option 5 had crossed the Murray River at Echuca).

"The preferred option 5A is a variant identified through responses to the additional Consultation Report published in February 2023. 5A presented fewer environmental constraints and avoids intercepting the Patho Plains – a grassland habitat known to support the endangered Plains-wander.

"It also avoids passing near Ghow Swamp, a place of national cultural significance..."

Little to no comfort to the farming communities who woke to the news of Option 5A. Option 5A minimally different to Option 5, a wider area now, but still impacting the same farming communities who have voiced their concerns loudly with over 500 submissions detailing concerns to their communities, livelihood and wellbeing, but now impacting additional communities, who haven't been consulted.

I wonder how they will learn about this devastating

proposition being dumped on them? Will it be like us, via text message and facebook and whisperings in the community. AEMO's chorus about transparency continues to be blatantly false.

What has not been explained is why a detailed report, by independent experts in energy transmission, has been disregarded. Prof. Bruce Mountain and Simon Bartlett in a detailed report state that

all that needs to be achieved with future renewable energy can be achieved in a more efficient and effective manner without AEMO's proposed transmission lines. AEMO simply must not be allowed to continue its "no care" course of destruction through regional Victoria.

Regards,
Glenda Watts
Charlton

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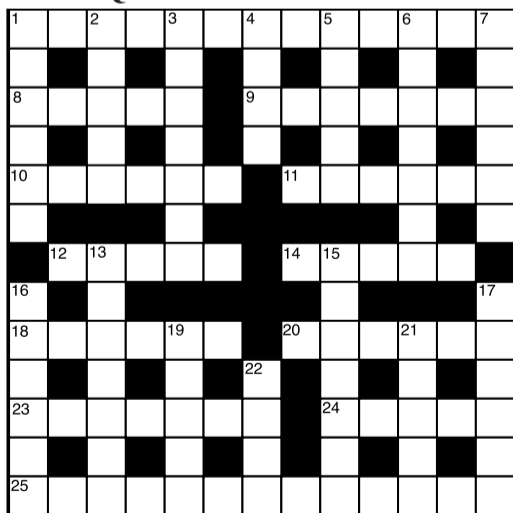
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9. Melodious (7)
10. Refuse (6)
11. Look (6)
12. Tree (5)
14. Escort (5)
18. Constellation (6)
20. Charm (6)
23. Blow up (7)
24. Set (5)
25. Figure (13)

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1. Condition (6)
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7. Morose (6)
13. Plug (7)
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22. Only (4)

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90TH BIRTHDAY

Alan Sands
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DEATH

BAIRD.— Bill "Bunter"
Deepest sympathy to Julie, Clinton, Travis, Adam and their families.
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—Skye



DEATH

BAIRD.— Bill "Bunter"
The Charlton Football Club wishes to pass on its sympathy to Julie, Clinton, Travis, Adam and families on the passing of Club Life Member, Bill.
Bill was a former President of the club, committed member and long-term player.
May he rest in peace

DEATH

COLLINS (Kick).— Marj
Passed away peacefully, in Donald, on May 31, 2023
Aged 83 yrs.

Dearly loved wife of Jack. Loving daughter, sister, aunty and friend to her family.
Now resting at peace



DEATH

GOOD.— Darren "Keg"
The Charlton Football Club wishes to pass on its sympathy to Darren's family and loved ones on his passing.
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DEATH

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FUNERAL BAIRD.

A funeral service for Mr Bill Baird will be held at Connect Church auditorium, Bendigo, on Monday, June 5 at 11 a.m..

Following the service, Bill will be laid to rest at the Bendigo Cemetery, to be followed by a celebration of his life at the Golden Square Football Clubrooms, Golden Square.

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• Wooreenook Hotel.

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(Information from "East Charlton Tribune")

May 26 to May 30, 1923:

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Empire Day was celebrated at the school. During the morning a programme was carried out, consisting of lessons in history and geography, readings, recitations, and songs of an Imperial and patriotic character. The Higher and Elementary schools then assembled before the flag-pole, where the ceremony of saluting the flag, and the

recital of the following were performed: "I love God, and my country: I honour the flag. I will serve the King, and cheerfully obey my parents, teachers, and the laws." The address was given by the headmaster (Mr E. J. Sprake), who expresses the great significance of Empire Day, stating that we should be proud of the fact that we are Britishers. A novel item was the reading of the King's Message to the children in the Elementary Schools of the Empire. The Queen's message to the girls of the Empire was also read.

Wooreenook Hotel for Sale: Messrs Thomas Morrow and Co, instructed by the Trustees, Executors and Agency Co. Ltd, executors of the late Thomas J. Strehorn, will offer by public auction at the Wooreenook Hotel, all his land, stock and effects, together with the hotel on June 6. The land consists of allotments in the township and parish of Wooreenook, on which is erected the Wooreenook Hotel, of 8 weatherboard rooms, in addition to bar, bar parlour, store-room and post office attached; with cart-shed, woolshed and drafting yards. In addition to

the land, there will be sold 2 horses, buggy, gig, furphy tank and trolley, 2 sets of harness, 70 bags of oats, 2 cows, 1 pig and a quantity of groceries. The terms of the hotel and land are liberal, viz, one third cash, and balance within 3 years, with interest bearing 6 per cent.

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in the trade for Messrs Hando and Cassell to establish themselves, and live up to the motto they have adopted of "Quality, Civility and Prompt Attention."

An enjoyable **Concert** was held under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild. Musical items were rendered by Mr W. A. McGuffie (overture), Miss Lily Robertson (pianoforte solo), Mrs George Cox (song), Miss Fitzgerald (pianoforte solo), and recitations were given by Rev. W. G. Fitzgerald and Miss Ada Kirk. It was a bitterly cold day, but the tea was hot, and the cake delicious; the combination evoking great gratitude from the visitors, and hopes for the continued welfare of the refreshments committee, and ability to cater as delightfully at all future functions of a like sort.

Charlton Agricultural Society: A meeting of the committee was held in the Mechanics' Institute: President, A. J. White; vice-president, A. R. Jenkins; C. Hando, secretary. There was discussion re date of the show. A motion was put, that the show be held on 31st October, and carried, with a protest from Mr J. McEwen, that it would be three weeks too late. Mem-

bers were appointed to the Yard Committee, the Programme Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Concert Committee.

Golf: The opening of the Golf season took place on Wednesday when a Mixed Foursome was played over 15 holes, for trophies donated by the President (Mr A. J. White), first pair £1/1/- each; and Mr R. E. Finn, second pair 10/6 each. The weather was rather boisterous during the early part of the afternoon, but later the rain stopped, and the wind died down a little, and made the conditions excellent for golf. The course was in good order, and excepting for an odd casualty or two, losing balls in the Avoca, the majority of the 40 participants returned to the Club-House with smiling faces, to partake of the afternoon tea, which was tastefully served by the president's wife, Mrs A. J. White, aided by happy young lady members, who filled up the interludes eyeing one another's new golf frocks, and discussing the good and indifferent shots. Mr John Windsor and Miss L. Klunder won, and Mr B. Green and Miss Thelma Frahm came second.

At the **Electoral Revision Court** held at Charlton on May 25 ninety-seven new names were added to the list. Some of the **Charlton** names added were: Melva Austin, married; Ray Austin, storeman; Mary Rogers Bannon, married; Eveline Black, spinster; Roy Currie, millhand; Susan D'Alton, married; William Rees David, telephone mechanic; Jane Finlay, married; George Flatman, farmer; William Foster, packerman; Philip Francis, butcher; Evelyn Alice Rose Francis, married; George Hall, builder; William Halligan, licensed victualler, Margaret Halligan, married; Augusta Hayes, married; William Hayes, labourer; William Haywood, labourer; Frederick Jenkin, farmer; Allan Johnstone, salesman, Margaret King, spinster; Myrtle Kolle, spinster; Alice Lightfoot, spinster; Rhodesia Pretoria McConnell, spinster; Margaret Phillips, married; Percival Serpell, driver; William Soding, farmer; Frederick Street, accountant; Conrad Williams, bank manager; Eileen Williams, married; Isaac Wilmot, labourer; John Windsor jun, farmer.



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Owen Duncan, Man of Many Interests

On Friday, April 28, 2023, Owen Duncan was laid to eternal rest. A full mass was held in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Donald, where his nephew Tom Duncan from Canberra ACT, read the following eulogy as prepared by Owen's daughter, Ann Grant.

Owen Duncan was born on the 14/04/1939 in Warracknabeal, the sixth child of Thomas and Madge Duncan (nee McClure) and brother to Jim (dec'd), Tom (dec'd), Carmel (dec'd), Paddy (dec'd), John (dec'd), Elizabeth and Bill (dec'd)

He started school at St. Mary's, Warracknabeal, and left at 15 years to become the night telephonist and telegrapher at Warracknabeal Post Office. This was the beginning of over 50 years' service to Australia Post.

In 1960 he moved to Melbourne as a telegraphist and postal clerk. Whilst in Melbourne he played tennis and cultured many lifelong friendships through this association. Owen joined the CMF — 36th. company transport Hershaw and Reynards Road Coburg catering corp — from 1958 to 1964. He remembered travelling to Horsham for parade nights and drills.

Owen returned to Warracknabeal in 1965 as a postal clerk.

He finished working for Australia Post in 1995 when the Donald post office was privatised. Well, not exactly finished. He then worked for the new owner and then took

on the rural mail run driving 240km a day 3 days a week. Hitting a cow did not slow him down, he bragged that he could deliver mail at 30km/h into a 20lt drum.

Owen married Marlene Nevill on 15/10/1966. According to Marlene, they went out on a dare (her being the tallest in the exchange and Owen being the shortest). They courted in a mini minor.

Owen and Marlene were blessed with 3 children, Ann, Steven and Kerry, 2 grandchildren Rikki-Lee and Isabel, and great-grandchild Sapphire.

Sports

Owen was always a keen sportsman — tennis, football, squash, table tennis, bowls and golf. He was well known for his unique driving swing on the golf course. Owen was told at Country Week table tennis that he couldn't play with his home made bat as it had to be dark coloured, so he poured a bottle of ink over it. Every time he hit the ball his bat left a blue dot on the ball.

Scouts

Owen was a member of the Scouts Association for over 38 years, both as a Scout

and then as a leader. He participated in 3 Australian Jamborees.

He remembers doing bottle drives to raise funds for the scouts and finding out who all the closet drinkers were.

Lions

Owen was a member of the Lions Club, his kids remember that their annual holiday always coincided with wherever the latest convention happened to be.

Vehicles

Owen had many vehicles over the years. He remembers his mini minor carrying a full size work bench home from Melbourne strapped to the roof of it. He could also fit 3 bags of cement and a wheelbarrow in the boot of it.

His vehicle exploits continued recently when he transported a 6 foot plank of timber on the front of his gopher from Kerry's house to the JGs.

Close Calls

Owen courted death on a number of occasions;

- When Ann was a toddler she wanted an ice-cream, so badly that she opened the drawer that Owen had the ladder in front of. Down Owen and the ladder went breaking



• The late Owen Duncan.

all the louvre windows on the way and Ann was scooted along the floor trapped in the legs of the ladder.

- Miraculously Owen has most of his fingers and toes, mind you not all of them are the original length. He tried many times to chop them off using power tools.

- Owen used to trim the hedges of the churchyard. Used to! He cut through the hedge trimmer power cord three times. He boasted that God didn't need him yet.

- Owen attempted flight by unhooking a loaded trailer whilst standing in it, Marlene remembered seeing him being catapulted about 20 feet.

- Another of Owen's lives was saved due to the mystery of Physics. He was driving

home from his mail run when he heard a ting. When he looked in the rearview mirror a 60 ft. tree was across the road.

The ting was the tree hitting the UHF antenna mounted behind the drivers door. Somehow it bent the antenna at 45 degrees but missed the ute. This incident made the local paper.

- In December 2017, Owen had a fall trying to play tennis! This ended up with him in the Royal Melbourne Hospital with a bleed on the brain. Thankfully he was operated on and made a slow recovery. Owen said after this fall he became an old man.

We always said he had nine lives.

Fashion Sense

Owen's fashion sense was a definite "if I can get it on I'm wearing it" style.

As teens we remember Owen's visits to the pool in his black and white checkered 1970s togs, where he performed his famous handstand dives off the 3-0 metre tower.

We can also fondly remember him riding down the main street of Donald on a homemade dragster style pushbike wearing a purple "Bugs Bunny" skivvy, orange plastic rain poncho and a furry Cossack hat.

Volunteering

Owen always volunteered for working bees or put his hand up if anyone needed help. Marlene always declared if she wanted any work done around the house, she would have to call a working bee to get Owen to help.

The kids never had new bikes. Their bikes were sourced from the tip and Owen rebuilt them to near new condition.

Many children in Donald also had Owen bikes given to them for Christmas and birthdays. Upon retiring from the bike building, Steven was helping him clean the shed. They built 20 bikes from all the spare parts and returned 30 bike frames back to where they came from, the tip.

Collector

Owen was a collector, stamps, trains, coins, matchbox cars, bike frames, tools you name it, he collected it.

Most of the family will remember his trains; not many of us have ever seen a completed layout. Owen was forever creating, but never finishing them.

We know he will have the complete layout setup already in heaven and stopping all stations to talk to anybody and everybody. And we hope he doesn't attempt to fix the pearly gates. Just leave it for St Peter's maintenance men, Owie.



Winter Wanders

With the exception of the COVID years, Avon Plains Banyena Landcare Group has organised the "Winter Walks" program for a number of years.

The walks show-case our local area on the Wimmera Plains. I am pleased to inform

you of the first two walks listed for 2023 and encourage your participation. During



• Carol Campbell, Evie Young and Anne Hughes exploring Creswick Well.

our walks we enjoy BYO morning tea.

Sunday, June 4, Creswick Well and Banyena Cemetery (meet Grays Bridge Cemetery @ 10 a.m.).

Our guide, Anne Hughes, from St. Arnaud Field Naturalists, combined with the local knowledge of our members is compiling a list of plant species found at Creswick Well. Being off-the-beaten track, many small grasses and water plants have survived undisturbed. Many are listed as endangered under Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act; however as Anne says, "all are threatened and their survival precarious".

We will also visit the Banyena Cemetery which is rich in local history.

Sunday, July 16, Rich Avon East Reserve and Swanwater West Cemetery (meet at Rich Avon East Reserve, midway on Grewar Rd, via Cope Cope @ 10 a.m.).

Our guide and local historian, Ann Dunstan, will share her knowledge of the area around Rich Avon East Reserve and the Salt Lakes which we explored in 2022. We will walk through Black Box forest rich in cultural heritage from times past and look over the lakes as the people of the Dja Dja Wurrung nation did.

We will also explore the West Swanwater Cemetery which is also rich in local history and which may host rare plants, as cemeteries have been protected from grazing pressure and major soil disturbance.

If you wish further information ring Carol on 0499 586008.

Further walks are scheduled during August and September 2023.

Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network

There is a whisper that, thanks to funding from the

Parks Victoria Volunteer Innovation Fund, the BNGLN will be hosting a Nature Festival in Spring this year.

Named by the Dja Dja Wurrung as "galngga" ("celebrate" in Djaara language) the festival will include Arts, Music, Relaxation and Biodiversity on Dja Dja Wurrung Country.

The program is still being put together, but this Festival is going to be "Awesome!" More details to follow.

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It has been a busy month for Landcare Groups across the North Central Catchment as Landcare Victoria grant submissions closed mid May. Groups within the Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network (BNGLN) have put in at least 5 projects but it seems the demand is twice that of the \$300,000 bucket of money that is available. We will need to keep our fingers crossed.

The BNG Landcare Network has a membership of 18 Landcare and other groups, generally located across those areas of the Victorian Shires of Buloke and Northern Grampians that lie within the North Central Catchment Management Authority region.

It is roughly centred on both the catchments of the Avon- Richardson River System, and the catchments of the Upper and Middle Avoca River. The Network's purpose is to support community-based Landcare, and the building of sustainable, rural communities and a healthy, diverse and productive environment.

We hope to keep you up to date with the activities of the groups throughout our region in a regular spot in the "Times", or you can follow us on Facebook: bnglandcare network.

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Working Bee

In a back to the future moment, Birchip P-12 School Council held a working bee on Sunday, May 18, 2023.

Each School Councillor was assigned a team of families to complete various tasks around the school. These tasks included cutting up fallen timber, repaving areas, pruning garden beds and mulching them, cleaning spouts of debris, sweeping basketball courts and under-cover areas as well as refilling sand pits.

The availability of on-site child minding, delivered by the Student Board and other senior students enabled many parents to concentrate fully on the tasks at hand.

We thank these students and the students who came along to work, for giving up their time.

In the allotted two hours the 40 families achieved many of the items that were on their lists.

The barbecue lunch that followed was enjoyed by all that could stay behind.

Birchip P-12 School Council thanks all that came along to help improve our facilities.

Garden Beds

Through the State Schools Agriculture Fund, six large garden beds were purchased for use by the school community. These garden beds were filled with loam during the working bee. Each grade in the junior section has been allocated a garden bed for its use. As written in the application, the students are to simply, "grow stuff".

Regional Cross Country

Sienna Richmond and Grace McAuliffe travelled to Warrnambool on Monday,

May 29, to compete in the next stage of the School Sport Victoria Cross Country representing the Greater Western Victoria Region.

Both girls performed admirably, battling icy winds and running on a wet hilly course with intermittent showers experienced during the morning.

Sienna completed the 3km course in a time of 13:38 finishing 20th out of 55 competitors. Qualifying time for State was 13:02.



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Grace completed the 2km course in a time of 10:57 finishing 46th out of 55 competitors. Qualifying time for State was 9:32.

It was great to see Sienna and Grace training regularly together over the past month in preparation for this event.

Congratulations girls.



• Sienna Richmond (left) and Grace McAuliffe, at Regional Cross Country Championships in Warrnambool.



• From left, Dave Walsh, Dale Poyner, Jarrod Tyler, Shan Coffey and Brad Ryan filling the new garden beds.



• Left to right, Kim Driscoll, Connely Ryan, Fiona Best, Kylie Walsh and Karlee Haslam trimming the garden.



• Brad Sharp (left), Lachlan Randall, Jack Randall (back to camera), Andrew Barber and Tyren James enjoying their tasks.



• Jon Haslam and Robbie Lee releveling pavers.



• David Ferrier and Cameron Ferrier cleaning up the Ag plots.



• Steve Bourke and Tanya Hogan mulching the garden beds.

Ensuring Contact for Horse Owners

Victorian horse owners are being asked to take a simple step for a special friend and register for a Property Identification Code (PIC).

Agriculture Victoria Manager Livestock Traceability Ben Fahy said PICs provided horse owners an extra level of protection during emergencies.

"If there's a flood, fire or disease outbreak, we may need to reach out with concerns specific to your animals, or for emergency relief and recovery activities within an impacted area," Mr Fahy said.

"Getting a PIC is quick, easy, and free via the Agriculture Victoria website – all that's required is your contact details, the number of horses and the parcels of land where they're kept."

All Victorian properties with livestock, including horses, are required by law to have a PIC, an eight-character code essential for contact and traceability purposes.

"PICs are required whether you keep a horse for recreational, agricultural or competitive purposes – even for your brood mare in the paddock," Mr Fahy said.

"When horses are on agistment away from home, it's essential that those properties have PICs, which can be applied for by the horse owner or service provider."

Based in Warrnambool, Katrina Routson is one of Australia's largest Friesian horse breeders and said that PICs provided peace of mind in case of emergency.

"If a bushfire comes through someone would know that we have animals," Ms Routson said.

"PICs also provide an excellent way to receive key up-

dates from Agriculture Victoria to horse owners."

Livestock owners should regularly review their PIC details, and update any changes that have occurred such as change in property address, species of livestock or changes to personal details.

When livestock are offered for sale, given away or bartered via online or print media, the PIC of the property at which the livestock are kept must be included in the advertisement.

Register for a Property Identification Code today at agriculture.vic.gov.au/horsepic or call 1800 678 779.

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North-Central Hockey

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

Birchip-Watchem enjoyed an entertaining day of hockey at the Wedderburn field, winning all the competitive games played throughout the day.

Minkey: The minkey Bulls once again had excellent numbers of keen and eager players available to take on Wedderburn. From the start, the Bulls demonstrated excellent team play, positioning well and making space to enable a number of attacking shots on goal.

Coach Julie McClelland orchestrated a number of calcu-

lated rotations and positional changes allowing everyone great opportunity for development. Wedderburn worked hard in defence throughout the match, but the Bulls' prowess shone through in attack.

Birchip-Watchem awards: Ivy Bourke (Birchip Newsagency), Zayvier Saggars (Christie Family).

For Wedderburn: Spartan Noordennen, Sahara Hanson.

Under-12s: Despite the chilly morning at the Redbacks' home ground, the under-12 team was eager to take to the field. The Bulls helped bolster the Redback

ranks, lending three players so a full field game could be played.

The competition was fierce for both teams and although the ground was slightly rougher than the Bulls were used to, they controlled the ball well. Jed Coffey finished off some great team play with the first goal. The Redbacks attempted to slow down the Bulls' march but they couldn't shut down their run and attack, as Archie Tyler scored the second goal to make the final score 2-0.

All of the players played to the best of their ability and

those playing for the opposition gave their all with impressive attack and defensive skills.

Birchip-Watchem awards: Jack McAuliffe (Bulls canteen), Jed Coffey (BWHC).

Wedderburn awards: Flynn Lonza (canteen), Jai & Izayah (Choc).

Under-15s: Birchip-Watchem played its Wedderburn counterparts in brisk conditions on Saturday. The Bulls started the game in attack, with Noah Dean running the ball into the top of the D and hitting a long-range goal within the first few minutes. The Bulls continued to attack, with Willow Ryan and Noah Dean combining well together to exert pressure on the Wedderburn defence. Good passing from the Bulls found Beau Haslam in a perfect position to tap the ball in for the Bulls' second goal.

The Bulls had much of the play in the first half, with well-executed teamwork creating many opportunities to score. Charlie Barber took a strong, hard hit on goal early in the first half, but was denied by some great defence by the Wedderburn goalie Bastian Noordennen. The Bulls were able to win the ball back quickly and were determined not to allow the Redbacks a chance to score. This pressure, together with some great passing in the D, saw Lana Angel tap the ball in for the Bulls' third goal.

The Bulls' Jack McAuliffe and Ollie Cook combined well in the centre to produce more scoring opportunities for the Bulls. Zali Angel was a constant threat in the D for the Bulls scoring a fantastic goal shortly before half-time. Wedderburn was able to get into an attacking position late in the second half, earning a short corner. However, this was thwarted by some great defensive work from Noah Dean and at half time, Bulls 5 led Wedderburn 0.

The Bulls did not release the pressure on the Redbacks in the second half. Ollie Cook ran the ball into an attacking position from the whistle and found Beau Haslam in the D, who was able to score another goal for the Bulls.

Although Wedderburn tried to challenge the Bulls' goal, its efforts were frustrated by Jack Knights, who was able to win the ball and send it back into the forward half.

Kobe Hamilton and Ollie Cook were creating some space in the forward line and both had shots on goal defended early in the second half. Noah Dean had a good shot on target defended by the Redbacks, however, Birchip-Watchem's relentless pressure saw Kobe Hamilton hit a great goal.

The Bulls maintained the pressure on Wedderburn, with several goals scored in the last ten minutes of the game. Charlie Barber scored two goals in quick succession, hitting the ball hard from the top of the D.

This was quickly followed by another goal to Noah Dean, his second goal of the game and the Bulls' tenth. The Bulls were on a roll, with Eva Coffey winning the ball back from



• Birchip-Watchem's Taina Brooks takes control of the ball and heads into attack against Wedderburn last Saturday.

Wedderburn almost immediately. Eva passed the ball to Noah, whose lifted shot was on target for another goal to the Bulls. Their final goal of the match was scored from a good hit by Charlie Barber.

The final whistle saw Birchip-Watchem 12 defeat Wedderburn 0.

Birchip-Watchem awards: Kobe Hamilton (Bulls Canteen), Jack Knights (Sharp's Bakery).

For Wedderburn: Jacob Ward, Aidan Wingfield, Keysya Pamboedi.

Women: Birchip-Watchem got off to a flying start in the women's contest. Dominating possession and surging into attack early, the Bulls' first goal came from a dashing run from Taina Brooks who evaded numerous defenders before pushing the ball past the goalkeeper to open the scoring. Steph Coffey followed up soon after, benefiting from a textbook cross from Bridie Reid to deflect the ball in from close range to make the score 2-0.

Wedderburn's Shelby Giorlando (on loan from Wyche-proof-Narraport) and Neve Nisbett were prominent in the midfield for the home team and instigated some entries into the Redbacks' attacking half. The Bulls' full-backs Tylah Haslam and Hannah Kemp were up to the challenge, however, and cleared the ball away from danger.

Birchip-Watchem was relentless for the remainder of the first half and applied plenty of scoreboard pressure. Allie Knights proved to be a dangerous presence at wing for the Bulls. Along with providing a link-up target for her teammates bringing the ball down the field, she also charged to the post when the ball approached the goals. From this position, Knights tapped home the Bulls' third goal.

The Bulls benefit from the presence of several young players willing to play multiple matches per day and perform with seemingly endless energy. Two of these were Beau Haslam and Zali Angel, each of whom had played two

netball matches in the morning as well as the U15s hockey match. Both girls had an influence on the women's match, Beau showing great attacking flair to advance her team's position on many occasions. Zali alternated from playing deep in defence to deep in attack and hit a strong goal to round off the half fabulously for the Bulls, giving them a 4-0 half-time lead.

Despite the deficit they faced, Wedderburn entered the second half determined to stay in the contest. They had a dream start to the half, with Giorlando carrying the ball over half the field before smashing a fabulous goal. The Redbacks were jubilant but would surely be wishing their hometown girl was in the red and black every week.

Carlie Turnbull was solid at full-back for Wedderburn and frequently sent 16-yard hits back to the other end of the field. Turnbull was ably supported by goalkeeper Cassandra Marr who blocked many of the Bulls' shots and provided useful direction to her teammates.

Birchip-Watchem continued to attack relentlessly but could not break through for another score. Their strong first half was the difference and propelled them to a 4-1 win.

Birchip-Watchem awards: Taina Brooks (Jamilca), Hannah Kemp (Andrew and Sarah Barber).

For Wedderburn: Carlie Turnbull (Wedderburn Hotel), Shelby Giorlando, Channel Dandenhorst.



• Matt Ryan with nephew Hughie Keane in his 200th game.

Reserves Football

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

A dominant final quarter was the highlight for Birchip-Watchem reserves who recorded a resounding 90-point win over Wedderburn at Donaldson Park on Saturday.

The match held extra significance for Birchip-Watchem as Matt Ryan made his 200th senior appearance for the club. Such milestones are not easy to achieve, with more than ten full seasons of service required. Matt had to wait even longer for his milestone after missing a season and a half due to the 2020 and 2021 season cancellations. Teammates and family members looked on with pride as Matt broke through his banner, joining his father Tony as a 200-game player for Birchip-Watchem.

The two teams last met in 2022's first semi-final, with Birchip-Watchem sneaking home by nine points in what was a hard-fought and close encounter. The early signs in this match suggested a similar contest might be in the offing, with the teams trading blows and neither able to gain an early ascendancy.

Matt Lockhart was a talisman for Wedderburn in the ruck, dominating hit-outs and giving his midfielders first use. Wynn Harvey and Luke Last were among the on-ballers on the end of Lockhart's taps, and full-forward Gerald Riley was the chief beneficiary. A long-time tormentor of the Bulls' backline, Riley began the game strongly with two first-quarter

goals. Kicking against a swirling breeze, Birchip-Watchem had some early opportunities but only registered one goal through Riley Doran. The Redbacks led by four points at the first change.

Birchip-Watchem relished the wind assistance in the second term and stamped its authority on the match. Bodie Colbert and Ben Hogan were sublime in the midfield for the Bulls, not only racking up possessions at will but delivering it with excellent precision and judgement. The Bulls' forward line of Callum Goode, Riley Doran and Tison Wiantara each benefited from the silver service, helping their team register four goals for the quarter.

Wedderburn battled to stay in touch as their midfielders struggled to earn possession and the Bulls' backline shored themselves up after the Redbacks' first-quarter attack. Wedderburn managed just two behinds for the quarter and the Bulls looked in control at halftime with a 23-point lead.

Birchip-Watchem continued to surge in the third quarter, with Colbert and Hogan continuing to dominate the midfield and Alex Noonan providing the ideal linkup across half forward. Goode, Doran and Wiantara continued to share the spoils in the forward line, kicking with impressive accuracy in addition to their strong marking and crumbing. The Bulls added five more goals for the quarter to continue their run of scores.

Wedderburn tried valiantly to stay in touch and Lockhart continued to be a standout in the ruck. Gerald Riley broke through for his third goal to break the Bulls' scoring streak but the game was slipping out of reach with the visitors leading by 47 points at the final change.

Despite Wedderburn's best efforts, the floodgates opened for Birchip-Watchem in the final term. Bodie Colbert's fitness came to the fore as he ran out the game superbly, streaming away from clearances with ease. The Bulls' forwards feasted on the frequent opportunities, with Goode bringing his personal goal tally of the day to five, while Doran and Wiantara kicked three. Ben Hogan and Jak Goldsmith also got in on the action kicking two goals each.

Altogether, Birchip-Watchem piled on eight last quarter goals while Wedderburn managed only one through Chris Hargreaves. The Bulls would have finished the game well pleased with the 90-point victory.

Finals scores: Birchip-Watchem 18.12.120 defeated Wedderburn 4.6.30.

Best for Birchip-Watchem: Bodie Colbert (Nutrien Ag), Ben Hogan (Wimmera Mallee Accounting), Alex Noonan (Birchip Hardware), Riley Doran (Birchip Hotel), Tison Wiantara (Birchip Motel).

For Wedderburn: Matt Lockhart, Wynn Harvey, Jaidyn David, Luke Last, Gerald Riley, Sam Carroll.

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Auskick at Wedderburn

While it seems the list of players in the under-age grades of North-Central football are decreasing to a problematic level, you wouldn't know from the numbers and enthusiasm of the youngsters in the Auskick game at half-time of the Birchip-Watchem and Redbacks senior game at Donaldson Park.

Young up and coming stars gathered on the sidelines eager with anticipation from well before the start of the senior game, champing at the bit for their chance to take to the field and provide the crowd with some wholesome half-time entertainment.

Under the watchful eye of umpires, Clint and Carleigh Turnbull, from Wedderburn, the players from both clubs had lots of fun getting their hands on the ball and trying for that elusive specky and goal scoring opportunity.



• Carleigh and Clint Turnbull umpiring Saturday's Auskick game.

Blast from the Past

(From the "Donald Times", May, 1923)

May 1. Fire. The fact that the stables at the rear of Swanson's Hotel were ablaze was forcibly communicated at about 8.30 on Friday night by the ringing of the fire bell and the appearance of a dense cloud of smoke. The local firemen promptly answered the call, and really smartly work was done by the brigade. It is alleged that an unfortunate inebriate had chosen the loft wherein to sleep. The fire, when discovered had a strong hold, all the top of the building being destroyed, the damage being estimated at 130 pounds. The stables beneath and the floor of the loft were slightly damaged and the save effected by the brigade was a good one. Several horses in the stable, together with a quantity of harness were removed to safety. The building was insured by the Norwich Union Company.

May 4. Football. Rupanyp v. Donald. The above match will take place at Rupanyp tomorrow, when the Donald team will include several promising new players. The trip will be made by car, and players are reminded that a start will be made from the Post Office at 1 o'clock sharp. Team to be chosen from the following; Nolan, Mitchell, Wadsworth, Howley, McGrath, Holland, Backway, McConville, Peel, Baker, M. Moloney, Cameron, C and M Boschen, Nicholson, Humphreys, Hood, H. Pope, Harris, Hicks, Cummings, Power. Any supporter wishing to make the trip should notify the secretary.

May 8. Obituary. The Late Mr Duncan Cameron. The news of the death of Mr Duncan Cameron will be received with regret throughout the district. Deceased, who was for many years a valued employee of Mr T. O. Guthrie of Rich Avon Station, resigned his position there on account of ill-health some four or five years ago. Since this time his health had gradually failed, his death taking place in the Stawell Hospital some day last week. He was a conscientious and competent worker and a first class sheepman, fairly revelling in his occupation. Among his hobbies was the training and exhibiting of sheepdogs and trotting horses, with which he achieved considerable success. He was a keen judge of a rider and personally was held in high esteem by all with whom he was acquainted. During the opening season of the local freezing works he had charge of the delivery of lambs. His death will be greatly regretted more particularly in and around Donald.

May 11. Cows in the Corn. "It is a position which has often arisen before" said Mr C.W. Basset, at a meeting of Donald

wheat growers on Friday last, "but I'd like to ask Mr Pickering, in view of the fact that the town cows are having the time of their lives on the wheat sold to the corporation to the local mill, whether the local millers pay for it at ingoing or outgoing weight. Is the loss theirs or ours?" Mr Pickering replied to the effect that the wheat was paid for at ingoing weight and that the loss was the millers'.

May 15. The Progress of Litchfield. At the last council meeting Cr. Burton pointed out that two stores were being built in Litchfield. The building being erected by Mr A. Cannard was located on a portion of Mr Melican's property, and it had been pointed out that it would be necessary to have a gate put in to allow of entrance to the store from the new Government platform at the station. He would move that the Council support Mr Cannard's application for this convenience. Cr Lavery seconded the motion and congratulated Cr Burton on the growth of the Litchfield township.

May 18. An Old Tragedy Recalled. The recovery of a human skull by Mr. James Hall, farmer of Waita Wella, while fishing in a dam on the Jeel Jeel road recalls an old Stawell sensation. The skull is believed to be that of the victim of a murder at Deep Lead more than 30 years ago. The headless body of a man named Forbes was found at the time, but the head was never traced. Hall left the skull on the bank and notified the police, but when they went to the dam there was no sign of the skull. Mounted-constable Williamson waded through the dam and raked the bottom thoroughly but without success. It is thought that somebody had carried the gruesome relic away and Superintendent Lineham has directed the police to continue enquiries. Old residents of Stawell remember the fear then when the body of Forbes was found. He had been living with a vicious fellow named Byrne. One dark night he called at the tent of a man at Glenorchy, and camped there. Next morning he disappeared early. Later in the day Forbes's body, hacked and slashed was discovered. Evidently he had been murdered before Byrne arrived at the tent referred to. Byrne was traced to Rupanyp, where he was arrested on the charge of having murdered Forbes. He maintained a defiant attitude for some time until he was accused of the murder of a man named Sullivan at Wickliffe some months before the death of Forbes. The Crown had evidence which satisfied it that a charge in regard to the Wickliffe murder would be more convincingly proved and Byrne

stood trial for the murder of Sullivan and was executed. Shortly before he went to the scaffold he confessed he had also killed Forbes. What Byrne did with Forbes's head he would not say and nobody knew.

May 22. No Daylight Train Service. At the recently held conference of Shires interested in the proposed daylight train service on the Melbourne-Mildura line, the daylight train proposal was defeated. The majority favoured an alternative service—three night trains a week but the Commissioners' representative said this would cause serious dislocation of service connections along the route and was therefore regarded as impracticable. It was then decided to urge the Commissioners to provide one or two additional trains each week, these to be run in daylight with the present service to remain as it is.

May 25. Exceeding the Speed Limit. At the Birchip Police Court, Constable Sloane proceeded against Thomas Diamond, motor mechanic, Birchip, for having driven a motor car in Cumming Avenue at a speed dangerous to public safety. Constable Sloane said that, when questioned as to the speed of the car, he said that he may have been doing over 15, he was not travelling at the rate

computed by the constable, namely 20 to 25 miles per hour. Diamond did not appear in Court and a fine of 2 pounds was imposed.

May 29. 'Phone-Grams. Innovations contemplated by Mr Gibson, Postmaster General, promise to afford much needed improvement to the telephone and telegraph services. It is intended almost immediately to introduce a system by which telegrams addressed to a person who is a telephone subscriber will be immediately telephoned to the addressee, instead of being delivered in the ordinary way. At the various telegraph offices, responsible clerks will be detailed to telephone the messages as they are received. In addition to a 'phone gram the message will be delivered by the first mail following receipt. Another proposal which should find favour relates to the dispatch of telegrams by the telephone subscriber.

Arrangements are being made to enable a subscriber to ring up the nearest telegraph office and dictate a telegram for dispatch to any part of the Commonwealth. The cost of the message will be debited to the subscriber in the same way as local and trunk line calls are now recorded.

Down the Middle?

The third round of the Club Championship, sponsored by Love Your Travels saw eleven ladies vying for the prize.

However, they were all outdone by the two men who played. Winner on the day was Luke Kelly on 73 on a count back from his father Peter. Well done boys. The putting was won by Beris Jones and Peter Kelly with 22 putts. Maree Cullen dominated the nearest the pins, winning Donald Auto Electrical's 3rd, Weir's 7th, and Donald Mechanical & Tyre's 14th. Nelia Allen took the trophy on the Community Bank's 16th. Winner of the silver spoon was Maree Cullen. I think we'll have to swab this lady!

Four ladies represented Donald at Wedderburn's Pink Lady Day, but weren't among the winners except for Debbie Burton, who took out the trophy for the best two shots on the 6th. However, they did manage to win on the spinning wheel and in the raffle.

Next week's events:

Monday: Nine holes social golf. 10 a.m. hit off.

Wednesday: The Fourth and final round of the club championship, stroke, putting and the silver spoon. This will

be sponsored by Donald Newsagency

Thursday, June 15: Donald Gymkhana, 4-bbb Stableford, with assembly at 10 a.m. for a 10.30 hit off.

Highlights and Lowlights

Maree Cullen left her 9 iron chipper behind on the 9th and she reckons everything went downhill from there, but by the look of the results, it didn't make any difference. Kerry Raven couldn't buy a putt today, but her temperament was quite extraordinary considering. Jenni Campbell must have been slightly concussed on the fourth after Maree Cullen hit her on the head with the flag stick, because her golf deteriorated after that and she kept forgetting her score.

Next week we will be celebrating with our club champions by having dinner at the Jeffcott Hotel (one of our sponsors) at 6 p.m.

"There is no golf shot so simple that it can't be messed up."

Birchip Golfers Busy

Birchip golfers have again been busy with social and competition golf days happening throughout the week, for both the men and lady golfers.

Last Sunday, Rodney Bennett, Michael Blencowe, Neil Slocombe, Mark Bowen and Heather Hogan played in the Kara Kara men's pennant day, held at St. Arnaud.

Congratulations to St. Arnaud on winning the event. And thank you to Heather for filling in for Birchip.

As a result of pennant being played last Sunday, there was no golf.

Veterans' day was held at Birchip on Tuesday, with 8 competitors, and the club thanks the women for catering.

At Wednesday golf this week, Heather Hogan was the winner with 78 nett, and runner-up was Maureen Trollope, coming in with 80 nett.

The least putts for the day was won by Sue Noonan with 26.

Nearest the pins were: Number 3 (Birchip Cafe) Di Lehmann; number 7 (Birchip Newsagency) Michael Blencowe; number 11 (Hogan's Transport) Maureen

Trollope; and number 17 (Birchip Automotive) Michael Blencowe.

After the second round of the ladies' championship, Heather Hogan is leading "A" grade with 189, and Sue Noonan is leading "B" grade on 229.

Following the golf, players enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea to finish off a friendly and enjoyable day.

If there are any ladies out there who would like to try golf, please get in touch with Di Lehmann, Heather Hogan or any club members. They are very flexible, will help you learn and can provide clubs.

Next week is another busy week, starting with the men's championship next Sunday.

The men's championship runs for the four Sundays in June.

On Wednesday the ladies' play stroke, third round of the championship, second round of the Silver Spoon and the Monthly Medal.

Good hitting.



(By "Ivor Hooke")

This week's golf news is sponsored by Hardingham's Plumbing. News is a bit short, due to a smaller than usual turnout on Saturday, and no one played Sunday owing to the showery weather.

And there was no golf on the Thursday, again because of the wet, but it was lovely to get some moisture back on the course.

The winner of Saturday's golf was Peter Barbetti with 41 points. Just shows the beauty of the handicapping system that allows an old codger to compete against the younger bombers.

Runner-up on 38 points, Peter Kelly.

Matt Clarke had a birdie again on the second hole, Matt birdied it last week.

The Donald Auto Electrical sponsored nearest the pin on the third went to Matt Clarke.

No one claimed the seventh. Robert Burton's Donald Mechanical and Tyre Service was won by, yep, Robert Burton. Bendigo Bank sixteenth went to Luke Kelly.

Because we were playing off the ladies' tees, I heard Matt Livingston was going to put his drive on the scrape on the ninth hole. I guess he must

have really lunged into it, as it only went ten metres.

I believe the ball snatching crows have lodged a complaint of harassment against the captain for chasing after them on his Harley Davidson lookalike machine!

A golfer asked his golf professional this question: "I have recently developed a tendency when chipping to become nervous about the shot, and I can feel my left hand trembling.

"When I actually play the shot, my right elbow feels very weak and I tend to sag at the knees, and the follow through is spoilt by the club falling from my hands."

The pro told him he has Partridge's Disease and should see a doctor immediately, or take up a game in which a severe disability does not matter, like English Test cricket!

This weekend is a big one, the first round of the club championship. So come along and play your best golf.

Reserves Football

Wyche-Narraport v. Nullawil

Nullawil met Wycheproof-Narraport in the NCFL round 6 game. These two very successful neighbouring clubs haven't met in over 70 years. Wycheproof left the Tyrrell League for North Central in 1952 and Narraport in 1953.

The reserves had a good contest. Pressure was high and both defences were on top for most of the day. Lachlan Braine and Dude Kelly got lots of the football and delivered to forward line. The tight

Demons' defence and poor kicking accuracy meant Nullawil didn't optimize scoring opportunities. At the main break it was 3.1.19 to 4.5.29.

Jarrold Taylor showed patches of skilful play and kicked two goals. Jeremy Vearing and Matt Hogan applied relentless pressure on the opposition all day. Nullawil increased its lead at every break, with a good last term.

Wycheproof-Narraport 3.5 (23) was defeated by Nullawil 8.14 (62).

Best for Nullawil: Lachlan Braine, Dude Kelly, Jeremy Vearing, Matthew Hogan, Jarrod Taylor.

Best for Wycheproof-Narraport: Thomas Trewin, Rowan Jones, Daniel Allen, Alexander Hogan, Matt Hall.

Donald v. St. Arnaud (from "Keep Punching")

In a very open entertaining game of football, Donald reserves had their second win of the year, hopefully getting their season back on track.

The day had become very cloudy, the sun trying to peek through, no rain, slight breeze (2-3 goals), the ground in great nick, again no excuses for the 42 players.

Speaking to coach Webb before the game, he strongly suggested that Donald needed to win, also stating that while St. Arnaud was winless in 2023, Donald was not travelling that well either – Donald's win was certainly not a lay down mizere!

This scribe was privy to be near coach Webby and Donald's favourite baker, talking tactics, and when they were asked if there were any updates for the scribe, he was politely told to get on his bike.

The first 10 minutes of the game was very even, Heslop opened Donald's account after a very strong mark. Dicko then marked a long way out but missed, soon after Heslop kicked his second. Donald had started very well.

Bailey Burke marked strongly, but he also missed from a long way out. St. Arnaud was attacking, but its forward entries were very messy. Bailey Burke was

getting his hands on the pill, but his disposal up field was disappointing, and along with Heslop were prime targets for the Royal Blues. Both teams added late goals to end a very entertaining opening quarter. Quarter-time scores: Donald 3.2, St. Arnaud 2.2.

Again the second quarter opened with fast open footy. Nat Clark saved a certain goal then copped one across the chops, and he was still feeling the pain having a beer after the day's play. Dion Hawkes continues to show his football brains creating many forward opportunities. Carl Leach kicked a goal from a mark in the square and St. Arnaud hit the front. Brenton Dixon again marked, again missed.

Gav Beckham was a rock for the Blues in the backline, the overseas recruit had the media box buzzing from a snap, just missing. Although a low-scoring first half, the game was very entertaining on the eye.

Half time scores: Donald 3.6, St. Arnaud 3.5.

"Dicko" finally got on the board kicking his first, he certainly has not lost his turn of speed. St. Arnaud then replied through Leach, Donald now leading by a goal. Schofield, showing great leg speed and football skills, passed to Heslop who kicked his third, giving Donald a very handy two-goal lead. The ball zipped up and down the last 5 minutes of the quarter, the third quarter ending with Donald holding a very handy 9-point lead.

Three-quarter time scores: Donald 6.6, St. Arnaud 4.9. Donald with the breeze was



• Nullawil's Angus Forrester spoiling Demon Ben Brennan's marking attempt, with Jarrod Taylor ready for the crumbs.

hoping to put St. Arnaud away early, but when St. Arnaud dribbled one through it was a 3-point game. Semi nearly again snapped a goal, he certainly does create a buzz.

The game was now developing into a bit of a slog, the legs of all players now becoming very heavy – lack of fitness kicking in. A wonderful kick from Berry found Morgan, who gave Donald some breathing space, Berry then missed twice, Donald hanging on to a 14-point win.

Final scores: Donald 7.11 d. St. Arnaud 5.9.

Best Donald: Green, Heslop, Beckham, Dixon, Hawkes.

Best St. Arnaud: Torney, Lowe, MacDonald.

Final Observations

Very open, entertaining game with both sides having a real crack; all in the media box agreed with this state of play old hands – Beckham, Dixon, Hawkes, Green and Clark – showing that they all still have plenty to offer the DFC in 2023. As coach "Webby" stated before the game, Donald reserves really needed this win to start a positive month of football.



• Donald's Semi Lutua is pursued by St. Arnaud's Ash Craddock.

Under-Seventeen Football

Wedderburn v. Birchip-Watchem

The Bulls started the match well against Wedderburn at its home oval and dominated the game for the duration.

Samuel Hogan was winning the majority of the ruck contests and the Bulls rovers, Riley Hogan and Charlie Frank, were dominant in the middle of the ground, constantly driving the ball forward. This created opportunities for the Bulls' Connor Boyle, who was enjoying a glut of possession in the forward line.

When Wedderburn threatened, Harry Cook was strong in defence and prevented the Redbacks from scoring. At the end of the first quarter, the Bulls dominance was reflected on the scoreboard as they led the Redbacks 7.6 (48) to 0.0 (0).

In the second quarter the Bulls continued their attacking play. Harry Cook took a great overhead mark in front of goal, and passed it off to Josh Woods, who then converted. Noah Dean was mopping up in the backline for the Bulls and clearing the ball well. Wedderburn's Robert Whyman was playing well and taking some great overhead marks, but the Bulls were still limiting their opportunities to score. At half-time, Birchip-Watchem 13.11 (89) led Wedderburn 0.0 (0).

The Redbacks were rewarded for their efforts in the third quarter, with Robert Whyman scoring their first goal. However, the Bulls continued to build their score, with Josh Woods and Connor

Boyle continuing their dominance. At three-quarter time the score was 17.16 (118) to 1.0 (6).

The Bulls' scoring machine ran rampant in the final quarter, scoring a further 10 goals and maximising their opportunities. At the end of the game, Birchip-Watchem 27.19 (181) defeated Wedderburn 1.0 (6).

Awards for Birchip-Watchem: Riley Hogan (Nolan Tyres and C & R Colbert), Charlie Frank (TMC Enviro), Connor Boyle (Birchip Café), Noah Dean (Sharp's Bakery)

Awards for Wedderburn: Nathan Crow Williams (Fish N Chip), Beau Harrell (Carol & George Cunningham Award), Will Cunningham (Wedderburn College Canteen), Tyson Blair (Melinda Springthorpe Choc).

Wyche-Narraport v. Nullawil

The smaller Nullawil boys kept in touch during the first half of the match and were able to generate some attacking opportunities. In the second half, Wycheproof-Narraport dominated, widening the gap on the scoreboard, while limiting Nullawil's scoring opportunities. Sol Kelly played well all match, able to shark the opposition ruck taps and get the ball rolling Nullawil's way. Will Gilchrist worked hard and never gave up, laying lots of tackles and smothering to make life hard on his Wycheproof-Narraport opponents. Rhett Hogan was strong in the back half, cutting off a lot of kicks. Cooper Kelly played his best under-17s' game yet, attack-

ing the footy well and making life hard for his opponents. It was unfortunate to see Brodie Cross come off with an injured knee and he is wished a speedy recovery.

Wycheproof-Narraport 17.10 (112) defeated Nullawil 4.2 (26).

Best for Nullawil were Sol Kelly, Max Fawcett, Brody Kelly, Rhett Hogan, Charlie Mitchell.

Goals: Sol Kelly 2, Les Cooper, Tiger Vearing.

Best for Wycheproof were Oliver Daykin, Lachlan Hall, Heath Senior, Angus Cowell, Tom Allan.

Goals: Heath Senior 10, Locke Coles 4, Dylan Cook, Jacob Harrison, Oliver Daykin.

Donald v. St. Arnaud

The players were greeted by a cool cutting wind favouring the Charlton Road end, no rain, sun ever so trying to get through the clouds – ground's surface in pristine condition.

Coach Godkin, although conceding that St. Arnaud is having a very positive season, was quietly confident that Donald under-17s would play a style of football to give a good account of themselves. Godkin had also added a "serious acquisition" for the day's game to the coach's box, the ever-inspiring Ross Young. Godkin was hoping this great Donald player's never-say-die attitude and his ability to get his hands on the hard ball will rub off on his players, plus his overall football nous.

St. Arnaud kicking with the breeze was quickly into attack, but after 5 minutes of continuous attacking were kicking points only. Finally

St. Arnaud kicked three quick goals through Torney, Needs and Hilton, opening up a 19-point lead.

Donald suffered an early setback when Griffiths fell heavily in a ruck duel on his back and needed to be helped off.

Jesse Lyndom kicked one for Donald, then St. Arnaud steadied to kick three quick goals in the last 10 minutes of the quarter to go to quarter time with a 28 point lead.

St. Arnaud 5.5, Donald 1.1.

Donald kicking with the breeze, Berry, Anderson and Morgan were starting to have an influence on the game; Berry kicked truly followed quickly another to Donnellon and Donald was in the game.

A silly 50 metre penalty against Anderson enabled Gorrie to kick St. Arnaud's sixth goal, thus halting Donald's momentum. Donald's good early work was now a tad wasted. The scribe noticed that assistant coach for the day, Young, was continually in coach Godkin's ear, but St. Arnaud went into half time with a very handy 25-point lead.

Half time scores: St. Arnaud 6-8, Donald 3-1.

St. Arnaud opened the third quarter continually attacking their goals, but three misses, one a sitter from Torney, was not doing them the justice that they deserved. The leg speed from both teams had gone to another level.

Morgan and Berry were battling hard for Donald, but in a blaze of forward thrusts, the Saints kicked goals through Torney, Hilton, Greenaway and Gorrie, added



• Nullawil's Sol Kelly is under pressure from Wycheproof-Narraport's Spencer Sheahan, as he prepares to drive the Maroons into attack during last Saturday's under-17 game.

to this was the many misses, five points to be exact. St. Arnaud was in complete control. Morgan got one back for Donald late, but St. Arnaud went into the fourth quarter with a 54-point lead.

Three-quarter time scores: St. Arnaud 11-13, Donald 4-1.

Donald had the breeze in the final quarter and needed to get a move on if it was going to challenge the Saints. Donald was trying hard, but St. Arnaud's football skills were now on full display for all to watch. Gorrie kicked the Saints' 13th and 14th, the game was virtually over.

St. Arnaud finished off the quarter for four final goals and Donald with two late goals, showed great courage and never-give-up attitude. St. Arnaud showed all spectators a dominant display of their football skills.

Final scores: St. Arnaud 18-15 defeated Donald 6-3.

Final Observations

St. Arnaud was far too good, great football skills, very impressive. Donald never gave up – Berry, Anderson, Morgan leading the way. Speaking to coach Godkin after the match, although disappointed, continued to be positive for his group.

The scribe suggested that he should continue to have experienced footballers, or even ex-footballers in his box to support him. Being a Tiger supporter, the scribe suggested that maybe he should try and contact the latest Richmond coach who recently left the coaching ranks. Just a suggestion!

Best Donald: Perry, Griffiths, Anderson.

Best St. Arnaud: Donald, Needs, Gorrie.

North-Central Netball

Wyche.-Narraport v. Nullawil

Heading south to its nearest and dearest neighbour, Wycheproof-Narraport, Nullawil players were warmly welcomed by the friendly old foes at the gate.

The under-14s were on a mission to beat their school mates and under the strict guidance of Coach Simone Fawcett, the girls did not put a foot wrong and went on to a strong win. Nullawil 37 defeated Wyche.-Narraport 9. Best players were Lana Fawcett and Willow Vearing.

The under-17s held a reasonable lead until the last quarter when the Demons came back for a late challenge. To Nullawil's credit the girls steadied and were helped by the 12-minute quarter, and were able to take the four points. Jessie Fawcett goaled beautifully under pressure, whilst the Humphrey twins were unstoppable in defence. Nullawil 36 defeated Wyche-Narraport 30. Best players were Jessie Fawcett and Gracie Humphreys.

The "C" grade ladies are enjoying their netball as they go along in their usual happy manner. Regan Kelly controls the game with her energetic drive, whilst Kate Fawcett's accuracy in goals is outstanding. Amy Smith, Liz Theoharethes and Gabby Ives are working very well together in defence by not allowing their opponents to receive any easy passes.

Nullawil 61 defeated Wyche.-Narraport 18. Best players were Amy Smith and Liz Theoharethes.

The "B" grade was a tough game. Rachael Smith and Alex Doran were strong in defence and relished any opportunity to send the ball back to Holly Fawcett and Steph Cooper, who both goaled with confidence. In a percentage-boosting game Nullawil 47 defeated Wyche-Narraport 25. Best players were Alex Doran and Rachael Smith.

The last game of the day was where the two neighbours, "Coach Loz" and "Coach Duff" had their girls pumped up for the big hit out. The Maroons jumped out of the blocks early with a good lead which they managed to control. But with some accurate shooting in the final quarter the Demons managed to narrow the winning margin. Bad luck Duff you will have to take Loz's bins out. Nullawil 47 defeated Wyche-Narraport 38. Best players were Meg Hogan, Ella Sheahan and Jacki Watts.

Donald v. St. Arnaud

A great day on the netball court for Donald across the board.

"A" grade: St. Arnaud started strongly, scoring the first few goals. Once Donald settled, it started working nicely as a unit and moving the ball well up the court. It was a very intense quarter with the Royal Blues' defenders,

Ally Doak GD and Grace Leeder GK, combining very well and working hard for rebounds. Donald worked hard through the court and took the lead. Donald 13, St. Arnaud 11. Donald continued the pressure down defence into the second. There was some good patience in attack and accurate shooting from Addison Funcke and Scarlett Funcke. Donald 28, St. Arnaud 17. The girls continued working well together, fighting for every ball. Some changes in the attacking end brought some fresh legs which created some lovely movement. Donald 40, St. Arnaud 26. The Royal Blues came out firing and scored the first few goals in a row. A few great intercepts from applying heavy pressure over the ball, with their attackers were patiently working the ball up and down the court to convert.

Final scores: Donald 52 d. St. Arnaud 34.

Donald award: Gilchrist & Co, Grace Leeder; Wood St Hair Co, Johanna Griffiths.

For St. Arnaud: Keegan Amos and Chloe Douglas.

"B" grade: A great start to the game from the Donald girls as they settled in. Their defensive pressure was very tight and they used turnovers very well. They were feeding very well into the goalers, giving plenty of opportunity to convert, which they did. Donald 18, St. Arnaud 8. With the defenders pulling in some good rebounds Donald was



• Wycheproof-Narraport goal attack, Paige Arnel, is under pressure from Nullawil goal defence, Meg Hogan, as she shoots during last Saturday's "A" grade game. Also pictured are the Demons' goal shooter, Nakia Nunn (right), and Maroons' goal keeper, Madeline Smith.

able to settle well into the game. It continued with the momentum and was shooting very accurately. St. Arnaud picked up after a few turnovers, and was able to up its scoring rate. Donald 35, St. Arnaud 17. Defenders continued to work well to gain intercepts to give the Donald goalers a lot of opportunities. Across the mid court Donald kept the turnovers coming and transitioning down to the goalers. St. Arnaud continued the pressure across the court, however, Donald was well settled into its groove. Donald 48, St. Arnaud 25. The final quarter was another consistent one from Donald. With pressure from all players all over the court Donald was able to extend its lead again and come away with a very comfortable win, Donald 61 to St. Arnaud 34.

Donald awards: Jeffcott Hotel, Linda Adams; Jasper & Co, Tahlia Sailor; Sponsor Pack, Emma Green.

For St. Arnaud: Torri Tillig and Immy Amos.

"C" grade: Saints came out hard, but were quickly shut down by Donald's defensive pressure down the court. Donald shooters had great accuracy and defenders moved well around the ring. Donald 16, St. Arnaud 5. Donald players carrying the ball well through court making great leads. Amazing pressure in the defensive circle making it hard for Saints to feed the ring. Donald 30, St. Arnaud 8. The Royal Blues continued with the hands over the ball, gaining some extra deflections. St. Arnaud found it hard to get into any rhythm. Strength in the rebound stats gave Donald plenty of looks at goals. Donald 40, St. Arnaud 11. The last was much the same for the Royal Blues, who pushed hard and came away with a convincing win.

Final scores: Donald 58 d. St. Arnaud 14.

Donald awards: Donald Hotel, Jess Wyatt; Clothes Bin, Claire Adams.

For St. Arnaud: Kristie Bryce and Phoebe Hendy.

17-and-Under "A": Donald defence came out ready to play. They were tight on their players and gave them little space to work.

Their attackers were passing well and moving the ball very quick and fast into the goal ring. St. Arnaud defence was putting pressure on the Royal Blues' attackers and was working hard. Donald 11, St. Arnaud 6. Donald continued to apply the pressure and worked itself into its game plan. The defenders were able to move the ball swiftly through the court and use the channels. Donald 19 to St. Arnaud 10. Donald's defensive pressure through the midcourt increased and was cutting off the ball. The Royal Blues' attackers found groove and were combining well. Donald 31, St. Arnaud 16. Donald midcourt driving hard and created some great play and keeping possession. The defenders were fighting for all rebounds. St. Arnaud continued to play some good netball, and had some lovely passages of play.

Final scores: Donald 42 d. St. Arnaud 23.

Donald awards: Love Shack, Millie Lydon; Bev's Baubles, Emersyn Gowlett; Donald Newsagency, Alexa Cameron.

For St. Arnaud: Sophie O'Donnell and Demi Leach.

14-and-Under "A": Donald started well, working the ball around nicely down the court and into the ring. The Saints struggled to get the ball past the transverse line with the speed and strength of the Royal Blues. Donald's shooters were very reliable scoring all opportunities they had. Donald 8, St. Arnaud 5. Donald's ring defenders started well with a lot of hands over every ball making it hard for St. Arnaud to shoot. Donald had great transition from defence into attack and the consistent shooting from the goalers saw them extend the lead. Donald 17, St. Arnaud 7. The ball moved smoothly through the mid-court for the Royal Blues, who were able to feed well into the ring. Donald shooters were very accurate finishing off every chance they got. Saints were getting a lot more of the ball and managed to convert some of their opportunities. Donald continued its dominance in the last despite the best efforts by St. Arnaud,

which fought hard all match.

Final scores: Donald 36 d. St. Arnaud 10.

Donald awards: Warrakirri, Evie Donnellon; Spud's Cafe, Halle Rice; Clothes Bin, Alyssa Hepworth.

For St. Arnaud: Jordana Bullock and Lucy O'Donnell.

14-and-Under "B": Both sides came out firing, with some great skills on show. Charlie James made some great intercepts throughout the game. St. Arnaud was able to gain a few quick goals and lead at half-time, St. Arnaud 10, Donald 8. Some great mid court moves by Lucy Robinson, Layla Hepworth and Olivia Slater kept the ball moving for the Royal Blues. St. Arnaud picked up the pressure and snuck in front with some lovely shots. Donald fought hard till the end.

Final scores: St. Arnaud 18 d. Donald 11.

Donald awards: Harvest Cafe, Layla Hepworth; Hard-ingham's, Charlie James; Gilchrist & Co, Layla Griffiths; Warrakirri, Nevaeh Coleman-Young.

For St. Arnaud: Tasha Batters and Alexia Mernick.

Net Set Go: A fantastic game by the Net Set Go girls. Great numbers saw the girls try lots of positions and showcase their improvement each week.

Canteen award, Anna Joseph; coaches' Killer Python, whole team.

Demon Diary

It was a tough day at the office for the Dees, hosting the newly arrived North-Central club, Nullawil.

Under-14 "A", Wyche.-N'port lost 9 to 37. Best on went to Priya Coatsworth. The last quarter was the best for this young team, only going down by one goal, proving that these little tacklers never gave up until the final whistle was blown.

Under-17 "A" had the closest match up of the day, losing only by 6 goals and they walked away with the momentum from the last two quarters, so hopefully next time these two teams meet, the dice will roll in favour of the Dees. The third quarter, the Dees won 8 to 7 and in the last, they won 9 to 7, proving that overall, they were the fitter team; however, it is all about putting four consistent quarters together to be able to gain the four points. Final score: W-N 30 - Nullawil 36. Best on: Kate Thompson.

Best player in the "C" grade went to Kasie Matheson, who ran out a consistent four quarters in a 18 to 61 loss. Although this score was not a true indication of the quality of the play across the court.

"B" grade went down by 22, finals score W-N: 25, Nullawil 47.

Best for Wyche.-N'port: Gemma Saul.

"A" grade came out slowly, but came home strongly, winning the last quarter 16 goals to Nullawil's 8, but ended up

going down 46 to 38. Best on: Paige Arnel. The Dees are really needing to string four quarters together in each match to be finals contenders at the end of the year. Next weekend we take on Sea Lake-Nandaly Tigers, and the Dees will have the fire in the belly for a few wins.

Thank you to all who contributed to and supported the casserole dinner on Saturday night, it was a huge success with many positive comments on the quality of the food! And word on the street is that Carol Jones makes the best pav. going around.



• Kasey Matheson, "C" grade best.



• Demon award winners Paige Arnel and Kate Thompson.



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North-Central Netball

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

Last Saturday, Birchip-Watchem made the trek up the Calder to face the Redbacks, who always provide a competitive day of netball.

And the Bulls started the day well, winning the first four matches convincingly. As expected, however, Wedderburn bounced back in the later games to win the "B" and "A" grades, but only after a dour struggle from the Birchip-Watchem girls.

Go: The Go netball team was enthusiastic despite the very cold conditions at Wedderburn. The players started out strongly, demonstrating a variety of skills they have learnt so far, leading for the ball and using their voices were the two consistent skills demonstrated.

Awhina was able to shoot a beautiful goal in the second quarter, leaving the Bulls Go team with a lead they fought hard to maintain until Wedderburn was able to shoot a goal and level up the game, which remained drawn until the very end. The progression from the start of the season till now is admirable, with each child showing enthusiasm and passion for the game as she develops her skills. The Bulls' players and parents are grateful to Elly McAuliffe for coaching the children, especially with little to no voice! Awards went to Grace McAuliffe and Hannah Hogan.

14-and-under "B": Birchip-Watchem started strongly with Anieka Boyle and Issy Sharp both shooting well. Bulls led 6-1 at quarter time. The defensive combination of Macada Russell and Alana Caldwell kept Wedderburn scoreless in the second quarter and at half time the Bulls had extended their lead to 9-1. With the strong lead, the Bulls used the opportunity to try some different positions. Anieka and Issy were rested in the third quarter (the two goalers in the first half), and Sienna Richmond and Isla Ferrier went into goals in the third quarter, and showed the Bulls have a lot of different combination options available. Gemma Tynan, Frankie McClelland, and Tilly Hogan worked well in the centre together, and Alana Caldwell made many intercepts. However, it was a closer scoring quarter with Birchip-Watchem just winning the quarter, staying ahead 12-3 at the final change. Birchip rested Macada and Alana in the final quarter, and their height was missed, with Wedderburn winning the final quarter. All players did well to hold their heads high and keep their composure in one of the more physical games they've played. Final score Birchip-Watchem 15 defeated Wedderburn 7. Birchip-Watchem awards: Issy Sharp and Frankie McClelland. For Wedderburn: Lily Finch (Canteen) and Meika (Chocolates).

14-and-under "A": The day remained chilly, but the Bulls made a positive start in the first quarter with Beau Haslam and Asha Lee shooting well and getting the Bulls in the lead early. Great sportsmanship was shown by Macada Russell, taking the court for the Redbacks and providing tight competition

for Mia Sharp in the midcourt. The second quarter saw some changes to the Bulls' defensive end with Cassie Tynan, Gracie Ferrier and Esther Bourke initiating solid defence and contributing turnovers that assisted the Bulls to a 7-goal lead at half-time. Lana Angel and Zara Lowry moved the ball forward, combing well to feed into the shooters., Zara having a competitive quarter against Gemma Tynan who had also taken the court for the Redbacks. An injury to Esther saw some changes in the defence end and Shaylee Field and Gracie Ferrier worked hard in the ring to hold the Redbacks to 1 goal for the quarter. The Bulls consolidated their good early form, holding the Redbacks goalless in the last quarter to take the win 40 - 8.

Birchip-Watchem awards: Esther Bourke and Cassie Tynan. For Wedderburn: Alexis Tansley (canteen) and Caitlin (Chocolate).

17-and-under "B": Team Subs v. Team Chyzie Birchip-Watchem's 17-and-under "B" teams, Team Chyzie and Team Subbs, played a match at Wedderburn that counted toward ladder points. After a narrow defeat the evening before to St. Arnaud, Team Chyzie was looking for redemption. The game started with the play all Team Subbs' way. Great work in the goal circle from Bethany Hiha and Imogen Boyle saw them rarely missing and was providing a tough outing for Ada Bourke and Emily Barber in defence. The team was pleased to welcome Emily back on the court. At quarter break, Team Subbs had steamed ahead leading 10-3.

The second quarter started in much the same fashion, with Team Subbs making good use of its possessions, but Team Chyzie's solid mid court with Gabby O'Donnell, Eva Coffey and Sophie Cox, was starting to find cohesive play and was relentless in its wall to stop the ball moving into Team Subbs' scoring end. At half-time break the deficit was still 7, with team Subbs leading 19-12.

The third quarter continued to be a tug of war for both teams with hard fought balls and scoring opportunities being limited. Turnovers from both teams were not being capitalised on, and as the siren sounded for the end of the third quarter, Team Chyzie was still trailing by 7, but the momentum had begun to swing to Team Chyzie, setting the scene for a final quarter battle royale.

The final quarter was all Team Chyzie's way, with Hannah Kemp unflappable in her scoring abilities. Team Subbs' defence with Bella Morris and Georgia Hogan had been tight all game, but the ball was being delivered precisely into Team Chyzie's goalers. Eva Coffey in a positional change to centre was a masterstroke with her tall and athletic ability, delivering the ball expertly to her attackers and useful in defence when needed. At the final siren, Team Chyzie had scored 13 goals and kept Team Subbs goalless, to run out victorious 31 to 25. A special mention to Sassia Coffey and Jenna Angel who were the volunteer umpires for the day. Without them, this game would not have been

able to go ahead. Thank you for your efforts and putting your hand up. Award winners: Team Subs, Georgia Hogan, Team Chyzie, Hannah Kemp.

17-and-Under "B": Team Chyzie played against St. Arnaud on a chilly Friday night. There was some confusion about the location of the game, with both teams believing it was an away game. Thank you to Georgia Hogan, Bethany Hiha and Snapchat Maps, the issue was identified about 40 minutes before the scheduled commencement time. After many frenzied phone calls, the problem was solved, thanks to the Donald Netball Club and, in particular, Jess Nunn, who saved the day by allowing the game to be played in the Donald stadium.

The game commenced less than half an hour late, with both teams thankful not to be playing in the crisp night air. St Arnaud started the first quarter off well, pulling away to a small lead. Birchip-Watchem was kept in the game because of some exceptional shooting from goal attack Tylah Haslam and the hard work of centre Gabby O'Donnell, who was finding a lot of space in the midcourt. At the end of the quarter, the Saints 9 were leading Team Chyzie 6.

The Bulls managed to claw back some of their opponents' lead in the second quarter. However, the Saints' Chloe Needs was proving accurate at goal shooter, despite some great defensive work by the Bulls' Ada Bourke and Emily Barber. This allowed the Saints to take a two-goal lead in to the half-time break.

The teams were evenly matched and the lead changed a number of times throughout the third quarter. Tylah Haslam continued her good form for the Bulls, despite some excellent defensive work from goal defence Jordana Bullock, who was having a great game after stepping up from the under 14s. The Bulls were also beginning to dominate the mid-court, with Eva Coffey relishing her role at wing attack. At the end of the quarter, the Bulls 27 led the Saints 26.

The Donald stadium created a great atmosphere for both teams in the final quarter. The Saints managed to pull ahead of their opposition, with small mistakes proving costly for both teams. The final score reflected the close fought game, with St. Arnaud 38 defeating the Bulls' Team Chyzie 36.

Birchip-Watchem awards: Emily Barber and Tylah Haslam.

17-and-under "A": With Birchip-Watchem sitting second on the ladder and Wedderburn in eighth position it was likely to be a tough match for the Redbacks from the start.

Birchip-Watchem's under-17s have been playing very well this season and were looking to take the ladder's top spot in the lead up to their game this week against closest rivals Boort.

The Bulls started strongly from the outset, with Maggie Wilson controlling the game from the Centre. Maggie's fitness, netball skills and never-say-die attitude sets the pace



• Guarded by Birchip-Watchem's Sassia Coffey, Wedderburn's Eliza Lockhart shoots for goal during last Saturday's "A" grade game. Also pictured are, from left, Bulletes' goal keeper, Gemma Ryan, the Redbacks' Grace Lockhart and Birchip-Watchem centre, Suberia Sailor.

for all around her. Hannah Wilson at Wing Defence was also putting pressure on the Redbacks' attackers which resulted in turn overs and these were swiftly taken back down the court where shooter Jenna Angel and Ebony Frank converted them to goals. Zali Angel in Wing Attack was working well with Maggie to make sure it was consistently getting into the shooters hands and at quarter time the Bulls had a 19-3 lead.

The skills of the Birchip-Watchem's defenders Georgia Hogan and Sassia Coffey put constant pressure on Wedderburn's Kayla Cramp and Chelsea Cunningham, who were doing a lot of work in the ring but just couldn't capitalise on goals, which in turn would see the Bulls defence rebounding and moving it back down the court. At half-time it looked to be a long day at the office for Wedderburn with the Bulls extending the lead 36-4.

Bulls coaches Cheyenne Parsons and Suberia Sailor made changes at half-time and brought on a number of players with the same skill set, capitalising on the great diversity in the 17s' huge squad. Tylah Haslam and Eva Coffey, having played the night before in the 17-and-under "B" game, against St. Arnaud were able to back up for another game, with Tylah coming into centre and Eva into goalkeeper. Zali Angel was switched into defence and Maggie Wilson took over the WA position. Immy Boyle also came on to the court at goal shooter and proved she can slot into this side nicely as well. Wedderburn was also making changes to try to slow down the Bulls attacking end and they executed lots of great passages of play, but just couldn't finish it off with goals. Immy Boyle was able to move around the ring with Ebony Frank, and between them both they were able to add an extra 26 goals to the half time tally. Zali Angel took some great intercepts which earned her a place in the awards at the final siren. Final scores Birchip-Watchem 62 to Wedderburn 9. This win put the Bulls top of the ladder, setting up an interesting encounter with Boort this weekend to fight it out for the top rank.

Best for Birchip-Watchem: Ebony Frank and Zali Angel. For Wedderburn: Libby Norman (Canteen) and Amelia Buschmann (Caserta Chocolate).

"C" grade: Birchip-Watchem came out with a strong first quarter with the shooters capitalising on the defensive pressure created through the midcourt by Zoya Niall and Sandie Richmond, to have a lead of 17 to Wedderburn's 5 at the first change.

The second quarter saw Wedderburn bring on the experienced Suzie Lockhart to offer guidance to the attacking end, but it was no match for Birchip-Watchem's Carling McEvoy, who took advantage of Tayla Connelly's pinpoint accurate passes into the ring to increase Birchip-Watchem's lead to 30-10. Birchip-Watchem continued to dominate right through from attack to defence in the third and fourth quarters to come away with a 58-26 win.

Birchip-Watchem award: Carling McEvoy. For Wedderburn: Charlotte Smith (Wedderburn Hotel), Tessa Dealove (Choc), Players Choice (Jess Polkinghorne).

"B" grade: Wedderburn started well, with accurate shooting from both Susan Lockhart and Phoebe van Heumen. The Bulletes continued to try hard but Wedderburn's positional understanding and fast ball movement were hard to defend. Sadly, captain, Stacey Hamilton succumbed to a calf injury half-way through the second quarter, and was substituted with Ella Walsh. At half-time the score was Wedderburn 29 ahead of the Bulls 15.

The second half was a more even contest with the Bulls outscoring Wedderburn 26 to 21 goals. For the Bulls, the new goaling combination of Brooke Laney and Madelyn Sinclair found consistency and confidence, while Holly House and Ashlee Tierney's defensive pressure created several turnovers. Even though the Bulls got to within 4 goals in the final quarter, Wedderburn continued to apply the pressure that was needed and they remained comfortably in front at the final whistle. Final scores Wedderburn 50 to Birchip-Watchem 41.

Birchip-Watchem award: Madelyn Sinclair. Wedderburn: Sarah Turnbull (Hotel), Lauren Spence (chocolate and Players choice).

"A" grade: The Bulls knew they were up for a challenge against Wedderburn, but both teams had a very different make up from previous

seasons, so they were excited for the contest. Wedderburn's attack was entirely made up of Lockharts, who all started the game well, catching the Bulls off guard giving Aliza and Grace in goals several opportunities to score. However, Sassia Coffey and Gemma Ryan were taking advantage of any inaccuracy, getting all the tip offs possible, keeping the Bulls in the game and at quarter time Birchip-Watchem trailed 10-14.

Going into the second quarter, Birchip-Watchem made minimal changes switching Sassia Coffey back to goal keeper and Gemma Ryan out to goal defence to try to redress the deficit, but the deft reading of the play by Ella Turnbull in the last line of defence was creating turn overs for Wedderburn, which moved the ball quickly downcourt to extend its lead. However, as the quarter progressed the Bulls regrouped and shooters Khiana Brooks and Jenna Angel were gaining confidence and getting more accurate and although they trailed by 14 goals at half-time, they had started to piece together some good passages of play.

In the second half Birchip-Watchem made some changes, as did Wedderburn. Birchip-Watchem moved Sophie Noonan into goal defence to offer some more defensive pressure and Gemma Ryan into the centre to add some height and flow in the midcourt. The changes and the increased movement in the goal third saw Birchip-Watchem level out the score line leaving only a 2 goal gap at three quarter time.

Birchip-Watchem, more determined than ever, went into the final quarter intent on closing the gap and the game was close for most of the final quarter but whenever Birchip-Watchem made progress, Wedderburn went back to basics, intercepting any errant passes, creating separation from their opponent to give them the space they needed to feed into their goalers, who executed accurately.

Whilst Sophie Noonan made countless intercepts, Wedderburn was able to keep its nose just ahead all game and won 59 to 53.

Birchip-Watchem award: Sophie Noonan for Wedderburn: Olivia Lockhart (towel), Ella Turnbull (chocolate and players choice).

All awards for Birchip-Watchem were sponsored by Noonan's Contracting.

North-Central Hockey

Donald v. St. Arnaud

Under-15s: St. Arnaud started the game strongly, putting pressure on Donald and earning an early short corner. However, Donald managed to clear the ball away. St. Arnaud persisted and was awarded two more quick penalty corners, but Donald's defence remained resilient and successfully defended. St. Arnaud's persistence paid off, and they finally managed to score a goal through a penalty corner, with Jack Batters finding the back of the net.

Piper Smith played well on the wing for Donald, receiving valuable support from Baylee Pearse and Oakley Brenan. St. Arnaud's second goal also came from a penalty corner, but Donald's defence dug deep and showed great determination. Sophie Burke and Edie Rowe defended the D effectively, and the ball eventually made its way back to Donald's end, resulting in Marty Burke earning a short corner for the team. However, despite their efforts, Donald couldn't convert the opportunity into a goal.

At half time it was 0-2 the visiting St. Arnaud's way.

Strong hit out from the sideline from Lyric Davis to Baylee Pearse saw Donald with another short corner. A quick St. Arnaud took the ball before a shot was made. Oakley and Lyric limited the damage and kept the Saints from scoring again. On the wing, Louise Barber made impactful tackles, allowing Donald to move the ball into its attacking zone. However, St. Arnaud's defence proved to be too strong for Donald's efforts.

Play see-sawed back and forth. Kailie Krause in goals, Parker Bicket and Charlotte Bicket assisting, Donald's defence held its ground and denied St. Arnaud another goal during a short corner. However, St. Arnaud managed to find the back of the net with a quick field goal, followed by a second goal.

In the end, St. Arnaud emerged as the victor, with a final score of 4-0. Despite the loss, Donald's players displayed resilience and defended well throughout the match.

Donald awards: Donald Auto Elec. best on, Baylee Pearse; Pearse Ag best effort, Sophie Burke.



• Donald's Bec Cumming shadows Kate Gifford in the women's game.

St. Arnaud awards: Play of the Day, Addison Wright; RMB Pizza, Ollie Hand; Weir's, May Williams.

Women: In what turned out to be an eventful match, the Donald women's field hockey team faced off against a formidable opponent, St. Arnaud. The weather was perfect for a thrilling game of hockey, with both teams eager to showcase their skills on the field. While the Donald women are currently in a rebuilding phase, their determination and hard work were evident throughout the match.

The game began with St. Arnaud applying early pressure on the Donald defence. However, the Donald women refused to yield, displaying resilience and determination. It took St. Arnaud a solid 20 minutes of relentless attacking before they managed to find the back of the net, breaking the deadlock. Notably, the young U15 goalie, Kailie Krause, made an impressive debut, providing excellent saves for the Donald team. Additionally, the inclusion of Belicia Frances in the backline further strengthened Donald's defensive efforts.

Despite falling behind by one goal, the Donald women fought back valiantly, showcasing some fantastic link-ups between players such as Bec Cumming, Sophie Sarre, Miranda Sy, and Trinity Cooper. St. Arnaud's Nicola Kirk put up an exceptional defensive display, thwarting several of Donald's attacking runs. However, Donald persisted and managed to score from a short corner, thanks to the captain, Trinity Cooper.

The game took a dramatic turn when Belicia Frances suffered a collision and was subsequently taken off the field for medical assessment. Concern escalated, leading to an ambulance being summoned. Donald's defence was dealt another blow when Carly Pearse sustained a painful injury (later confirmed to be a broken finger) from a stick hit and had to be substituted.

At half-time, the score stood at 1-2 in favour of St. Arnaud. Despite the scoreline, the Donald team's primary focus was on the well-being of teammates, making it challenging for them to fully concentrate on the game.

Entering the second half, Donald aimed to limit the score difference as much as possible. However, St. Arnaud proved to be a formidable opponent. Joanna Meagher, and Georgia Douglas found their rhythm, capitalizing on Donald's mounting fatigue to score more goals.

Despite the loss, the Donald women had reason to celebrate. They surpassed their entire goal tally from the previous year by the sixth round, marking a significant milestone for their rebuilding season. Additionally, Belicia Frances received positive news after a CT scan, although she would be sidelined for a few weeks. The team could now celebrate their collective success in achieving their goal tally. Congratulations, Donald, on your progress and determination!

Overall, the match demonstrated the Donald women's resilience and progress, despite the final scoreline. With their rebuilding efforts and hard work paying off, the team can look forward to continued improvement and success in the future.

Donald awards: Warakirri Cropping best on/coaches', Bec Cumming; Dellavedova best team mate, Miranda Sy.

St. Arnaud awards: Emma Green, Tesco Fuel; Addison Wright, RMB Pizza; Bridgette Douglas, Royal Hotel.

Men: It was the 2022 grand final rematch between St. Arnaud and Donald and the Royal Blues were looking for redemption. Donald showed great teamwork from the opening hit and its passes were hitting the mark. St. Arnaud was a very formidable team and worked just as hard to get the ball off the Donald players. Within the first 15 minutes, St. Arnaud got four short corners with Donald players successfully stopping them all with the help of their step-in goalie, Trent Allen. Unfortunately on the fifth short corner, a goal was scored by Stephen Rodger. Donald managed to score one short corner but unfortunately lost it. At half-time the scores were 1-0, and Donald was sure it could come back. Great defence in the second half with the ball mostly down the Donald end. A shot at goal was defended by Glenn Davis, before a short was called. The first shot missed but then Owen Lowe managed to pop the ball in. More great defensive play was observed before another goal was scored by Andrew Niblet. James Paley managed to get a green card, but it must have fired him up because he managed to find a gap and put a goal in. Despite the loss the men came off very happy with how they performed and clearly the training that they are doing is paying off.

St. Arnaud awards: Nathan Hendry (RMB Pizza), Tom Hamilton (Tasco Fuel), Harry Knights (Mooler), Oliver Hand (Towel), Ben Greenaway (Play of the Day).

Donald awards: Ben Krause (Donald Auto Electrical best), James Paley (Della Vedova best team player).



• Donald's Baylee Pearse under pressure from the Saints' Jack Batters during Saturday's under-15s match. Also pictured are Donald's Sophie Burke and St. Arnaud's Finn Green while coach Nicola Kitk watches on.

Under-14s Football

Wyche-Narraport v. Nullawil

Nullawil and Wycheproof-Narraport under-14s had a great game of football. Tiger Vearing dominated the game all day. In the first 15 seconds he had cleared the ball from the centre and went on to kick a goal. He ended up with 10 goals for Nullawil in 3 quarters. At half time, the Demons were scoreless, so Tiger put on the Wycheproof guernsey, and assisted in the 5 goals they kicked during the third term. Harry Humphreys and Smith Morrison both played well, showing lots of pace and ball skills. It was good to see Cooper Smith and Logan Higgins each kick a goal.

With its first victory for the season, the team was excited to blast out the Nullawil theme song, when players got back to the rooms.

Final scores: Wycheproof-Narraport 8.8 (56) lost to Nullawil 14.9 (93).

Best for Nullawil: Tiger Vearing, Harry Humphreys, Smith Morrison, Nate Harrison, Cooper Kelly and Beau Hogan.

Goals: Tiger Vearing 10, Harry Humphreys 2, Cooper Smith, Logan Higgins.

Best for Wycheproof: Morgan Beattie, Ollie White, Dylan Cook and Darcy Coles

Goals: Dylan Cook 4, Levi Hall, Adele McNaughton, Darcy Coles, Ollie White.

Donald v. St. Arnaud

All players, officials and spectators, and there were plenty, were greeted by nippy conditions, cloudy, occasional sunny breaks, but very calm with no wind, combined with a great playing surface. Everyone was also greeted by the aroma of the Donald Football Club barbecue, coupled with coffee coming from Skye Abbott's van – great indeed – the chilly conditions were asking for an Irish coffee, but to no avail, a firm “no” coming from the lovely Skye.

Donald is undefeated going into round 6 and Hugo Funcke quickly had Donald's first on the board, followed by a wonderful smother deserving of a goal to Luca Rice. Donnellon and Rice were



• Nullawil's Beau Hogan kicking for goal.

continuing their outstanding form from the previous five rounds. Both benches were very vocal and St. Arnaud supporters continually cheering the young lads. Both defences were on top.

Quarter time scores: Donald 1-1, St. Arnaud 0-1.

Donald opened with Rice kicking the first for the second term. Austin was outstanding for St. Arnaud, and Charles Burke was showing great promise (another Burke footballer for the DFC). Donald was tackling well and with all players, was playing in front and their heads over the ball. Donald went into half time with an eight-point lead.

Half-time: Donald 2.3, St. Arnaud 1.1.

Donald opened brightly after the break, Ryan Needs ran into an open goal after Baxter Donnellon showed his Gaelic football skills. Supporters for both sides were now really into this game, continually cheering and supporting all players on both sides.

Chad Handy was trying hard for the young Saints. All 36 players were now in the St. Arnaud forward line, so when the ball was kicked into Donald's forward line, there was no one at home to finish

the job. Donnellon continued his great game when he ran into an open goal right on the siren.

Three quarter time scores: Donald 4.4, St. Arnaud 1.1.

All players were getting slightly leg weary, Donald was now taking charge. Donnellon and Rice kicked truly, Donald was running the game out well, better than its opponent. Mortlock and Slater added two late goals for Donald, then St. Arnaud finished with goals to Bob Donald and Declan Kaye added another. All players from both sides showed great spirit and attitude.

Final scores: Donald 8.7 defeated St. Arnaud 3.1.

Final Observations

Donald under-14s continue their undefeated run, and will be hard to beat this season, the players are playing for their coaches.

Both coach benches showed wonderful encouragement and passion towards their charges; Rice and Donnellon continue their great seasons – good boys!

Donald's best: Rice, Donnellon, Pearse.

St. Arnaud best: Batters, Donald, Hendy.



Challenging Three Rounds Ahead

Three games remain to complete the first half of North-Central's 2023 season, when all teams will have played each other once. And for at least five clubs, their results in those games could well determine their chances of playing finals football.

Ladder leader, Sea Lake-Nandaly, could not be better situated, having won all five games to date.

With engagements against Wyche-Narraport (home), Donald (away) and Wedderburn (home) to round out the first half of the season, there is every chance the Tigers will remain the competition's only undefeated team.

League newcomer, Nullawil, continues to generate tidal waves as it carves its way through the North-Central landscape, having overcome all opposition but the Tigers so far, and will be hard to shift from its current ladder position.

The Maroons take on Donald (home), Wedderburn (away) and Boort (home) over the next three weeks, their current form suggesting they can bank another three wins.

That leaves Wycheproof-Narraport, Birchchip-Watchem Donald, Boort and Wedderburn jostling for positions three and four on the league ladder.

Wycheproof-Narraport, which started the season in impressive style, has been brought back to the chasing pack by heavy defeats at the hand of Birchchip-Watchem in round 4, and by Nullawil last Saturday.

Football life doesn't get any easier for the Demons tomorrow, when they continue their Calder Highway odyssey, heading north to take on the all-conquering Tigers.

There are signs the Bulls are emerging from their early season slumber and are starting to gather the momentum they will need to defend their premiership crown.

The return from injury of big man Lochlan Sirett is crucial to team stability. And with dynamic forward, Nathan Gordon, starting to hit his straps and hitting the scoreboard in a big way, Trevor Ryan's Bulls will be a force to be reckoned with during the business end of the season.

Over the next fortnight, Donald faces the competition's top two, Nullawil and then Sea Lake-Nandaly. Given the Royal Blues' run of bad luck, in terms of injuries, which continue to escalate in alarming proportions, supporters cannot be overly optimistic about their team's prospects.

All clubs have their injury concerns, but the loss of crucial midfield influencer, Ryan Hards, together with the versa-

tile Jamie Papalia and back-up ruckman, Andy Gilbert, will mean that it will be many weeks before coach Rohan Brown can look to select his best 21. And by then Donald's season could be done and dusted.

Boort will re-enter the fray coming off a two-week bye-induced break, but also confronts a challenging run to the half-way point, with games against Birchchip-Watchem and Nullawil (both away), interspersed by its winnable clash against St. Arnaud.

The availability of the Magpies' top echelon of players when they meet the competition's best, including Jonno Lanyon, Matt Chisari and Levi Moss, is pivotal to their chances of continued success.

Wedderburn also has a tough run to the midway mark of the season, but can build towards big challenges against Nullawil (home) and Sea Lake-Nandaly (away) by overwhelming St. Arnaud away at Lord Nelson Park tomorrow.

The absence of big ruckman, Jordan Hargreaves, has caused something of a reshuffle, with full-back, Adam Postle assuming the rucking duties, while Jacob De Araugo, full-back during the Redbacks' recent golden era, has returned to fill the breach in defence.

Day of Challenges

Round seven comprises three important clashes, with significant implications for those involved.

Donald risks falling further behind the leaders when it travels to Nullawil. Entering the clash without the likes of Ryan Hards, Jamie Papalia, Andy Gilbert and Chris Lynch (unavailable), will make the challenge of combatting the likes of Andrew Oberdorfer, Mitch Farmer, Dean Putt, and Dean Smith, even more daunting and difficult.

The Royal Blues' key forwards, Sam Dunstan and Blake Grant, will need to be at their very best, making the most of every opportunity generated by midfielders Ross Young, Hayden Geddes and ruckman Josh Potter, but without its Hards edge, Donald might struggle to contain its rampaging opposition.

Tiger Test for Demons

Wycheproof-Narraport needs a big scalp to shore up its tenuous hold on a top three position, with challenges com-

ing thick and fast. And the Demons need to regroup quickly, following last Saturday's confidence-denting loss to Nullawil, ladder leader Sea Lake-Nandaly waiting to test them on the vast expanses of the Sea Lake Community Centre oval tomorrow.

Gedd and Koby Hommelhoff, Aaron Bateson, defenders Josh Walsh, Jack McHutchison, Damian Horbury and Joe Kenny, face a searching challenge from Billy McInnes, Trent and Wade Donnan, Matt Elliott, Austin Mertz and Bryce Delmenico, with the Tigers' multi-pronged attack likely to shape the final result in the hosts' favour.

Bulls to Roar or Magpies to Fly High?

Coming off a fortnight's break following consecutive byes, Boort faces the daunting task of combatting a resurgent Birchchip-Watchem, playing on its home ground and full of confidence following last Saturday's convincing victory over Wedderburn.

The Magpies will need to make every post a winner, applying as much scoreboard pressure as possible, while keeping a tight rein on Bulls' forwards, Nathan Gordon, Ben Edwards and Daniel Castellano.

Keiren Wilson, Jack Wilson and Ryan McGhie are strong and resilient in defence for the Magpies, Natnael McLaren, Chisari and Jarrod Fitzpatrick provide plenty of midfield run and carry, and ruckman Nathan Twigg will test the Bulls' big man department, but Birchchip-Watchem's overall depth should ensure it chalks up a win.

Redbacks Too Potent

On current form, Wedderburn should account for a determined St. Arnaud.

With forwards of the calibre of Tom Campbell, Sam Barnes and the indefatigable Danny Benaim, combined with a very serviceable midfield led by Corey Lowry, Luke Holt and Adam Postle, the Redbacks should generate more than enough forward attacks to ensure a winning score.

St. Arnaud's defence, including Harley Durward, Nick Birthisel, Mitch Egan and Matt Goode, is capable of nullifying its opponents, provided enough pressure is applied in the midfield battles. But to have any chance of causing an upset, the Saints' forwards need to fire, supporting the hard-working Jacob



• Donald's Hards edge: Tenacious on-baller Ryan Hards, pictured preparing to take possession of the Sherrin opposed against St. Arnaud coach Anthony Bourke and Will Bertalli, will be missing from the Royal Blues' line up for a number of weeks due to injury.

Tillig, his team's most reliable avenue to goal.

300 Up for Maroons' Jason

Wendy Watts reports that Jason Perry will play his 300th. game for Nullawil, against Donald on Saturday.

Jason is described as a fit and speedy wing man, who has added goalkicking to his repertoire.

He played his first game for the club in 2004 after being recruited from Lake Boga.

In 20 seasons at the club, Jason has amassed 115 senior and 185 reserves games. He was vice-captain of the senior side in 2008, captained the reserves side in 2014, '15 and '16.

He was a member of the reserves premiership teams in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017 and 2018. And was runenr-up in the reserves "best and fairest" award in 2012.

"Jason has also contributed to the club off field," wrote Wendy.

"He has been part of the NFC committee since 2012, and was club secretary from 2014 to 2016.

"He is the 13th. player to join the NFC 300 + games club. Jason is a valued member of the club, along with his wife Barb (president of the football ladies' committee) and children Charlotte and Tynan."



• Nullawil stalwart, Jason Perry.

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Dear Dr Webster

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

Thank you for the response to IPEA's letter of 4 February 2025 regarding the Assurance Review of your use of travel and travel-related resources for Family Reunion travel.

In IPEA's original correspondence we requested that you provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting. IPEA acknowledges that you have provided a range of documentation that supports elements of the response, however IPEA is seeking further clarification of specific aspects of your travel as follows:

- 1) Can you please provide documentation such as diary notes and/or invitations and/or information such as the length of time spent at the following engagements:
 - attendance at the Victorian Nationals Christmas Party on 9 December 2022
 - visit to the Victorian Heart Hospital on 26 May 2023.
- 2) With regard to your flight from Canberra to Melbourne on 21 June 2023 and use of family travel entitlements for air travel for your husband, Mr Webster, from [REDACTED] to meet you in Melbourne on that day, IPEA notes that you have indicated this trip was for personal reasons. IPEA records show that you both remained in Melbourne overnight, but did not claim Travel Allowance for this overnight stay. You then returned to Canberra on 22 June along with Mr Webster before travelling with him to Sydney for parliamentary business and then returning to [REDACTED]

IPEA records show that you sought advice on 16 June and again on 12 July 2023 regarding stopovers in Melbourne, but the advice sought was in relation to travel that ended in your home base in [REDACTED]. However, IPEA records do not show that either you or Mr Webster returned to [REDACTED] immediately after the overnight trip

to Melbourne 21-22 June, which brings into question whether the overnight trip was a stopover on the way to your home base.

The current travel entitlements do not provide for overnight stays for personal reasons that do not end at your home base. If you and Mr Webster were in Melbourne solely for personal matters and you did not return to Mildura on 21 June 2023, you may have accessed parliamentary business resources inconsistent with the Parliamentary Business Framework:

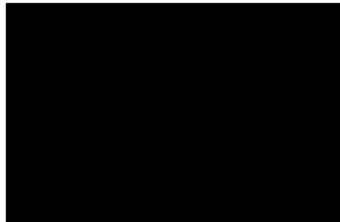
- for your travel from Canberra to Melbourne and return between 21-22 June 2023; and
- for Mr Webster's travel from [REDACTED] to Melbourne on 21 June 2023

Could you therefore confirm your previous advice that this overnight stay was for personal reasons and there was no parliamentary business in Melbourne which was the dominant purpose of your travel. Note that if this was the case, IPEA will need to invoice you for the flights referred to above.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, including any other comments or information that may be relevant, by close of business on **22 May 2025**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson
Chief of Transparency, Integrity and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

From: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] ([A. Webster, MP](#)); [REDACTED] ([A. Webster, MP](#))
Subject: IPEA Inquiry Webster
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[1205 Comcar \[REDACTED\].msg](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking my call earlier. I trust the attachments here are helpful and are what you are looking for.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Anne

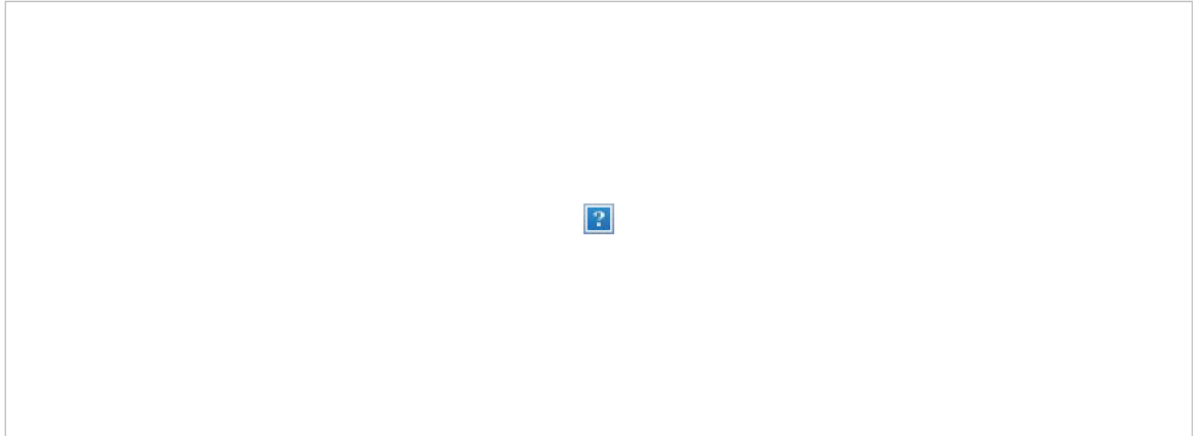
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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2022/23

Minutes

6:00pm
Friday 9 December 2022
Head Office

Members:



Dr Anne Webster MP



Officers in Attendance: (State Director) and (Assistant State Director).

1. Meeting Opening

1.1. Welcome

welcomed Board members.

1.2. Quorum

Met.

1.3. Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

1.4. Apologies

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Motion: *"That the apologies be noted and accepted."*

Mover:

Seconder:

CARRIED

1.5. Minutes of the previous meeting 14 October and 31 October 2022

Amendment to the minutes regarding the Women's Executive conference date. Amend to 18th February.

Moved:

Seconder:

Motion: *"That the minutes of the previous meeting 14 October 2022 and 31 October 2022 are a true and accurate record with amendment to the Women's Executive Conference date."*

Mover:

Seconder:

CARRIED

1.6. Matters arising from previous minutes

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Memberships

2.1.1. New & Ceased

Discussion ensued regarding the membership applications from [REDACTED].

Motion: *“To decline the memberships of [REDACTED].”*

Mover: [REDACTED]
Seconded: [REDACTED]

CARRIED

Motion: *“That the memberships of [REDACTED] be accepted and approved.”*

Mover: [REDACTED]
Seconded: [REDACTED]

CARRIED

2.2. 2023 Meeting Dates

Motion: *“That the 2023 Meeting Dates be accepted.”*

Mover: [REDACTED]
Seconded: [REDACTED]

CARRIED

2.3. 2023 Conference Fees

Propose that conference fees stay the same as 2022 conference.

Standard	Young Nat
Friday Gala Dinner \$90	Friday Gala Dinner \$45
Saturday Conference \$95	Saturday Conference \$47
Saturday JMDG Breakfast \$40	Saturday JMDG Breakfast \$20
Saturday evening YN Event \$40	Saturday evening YN Event \$40

Motion: *“That the 2023 Annual State Conference fees are remain the same as 2022, \$90 for the Gala Dinner, \$95 for Conference, \$40 for JMDG Breakfast, \$40 for Saturday evening Young Nats event, and half price Gala Dinner, Conference and JMDG Breakfast for Young Nats members.”*

Mover: [REDACTED]
Seconded: [REDACTED]

CARRIED

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1. State Director’s Report

[REDACTED]

██████████ thanked ██████████ and his team for their work during the election. Reflected on achieving the best result since 1943.

██████████ presented research to the Board which demonstrated how accurate the pre-election day research was.

██████████ gave an update on the Shepparton, Morwell and Mildura campaigns. Each campaign was very different and we relied on the research to guide each campaign.

██████████ and ██████████ have both finished up with Head Office. ██████████ has returned from maternity leave.

██████████ has commissioned post-election research about what drove voters i.e. mailouts, digital, candidate.

██████████ also thanked the federal team for their efforts during the state election.

3.2. State President's Report

██████████

██████████ congratulated ██████████ and the team at VCHQ. ██████████ also congratulated ██████████ and his team.

To have achieved our targets has been a fantastic result. Well done to all who were involved including members and supporters.

Questions and discussion ensued.

3.3. State Leader's Report

██████████

██████████ spoke about head office and the parliamentary office doing a brilliant job during the campaign. Commented that going to a joint headquarters with the Liberals worked well.

The research and work that was done during the campaign was extremely important.

The Liberals had a lot of internal problems from the beginning.

For our campaign the recipe was simple – stick to the plan. It was a deliberate plan that started two years ago. We had to stick to it, and we did – we had the discipline.

██████████ is the best possible result as Leader of the Liberals.

We learnt that we have to do the research and preselect candidates that are community champions.

To the team's credit, we came of age in our digital campaign, for example the targeted digital campaign in Moe in the final week.

MPs will be sworn in on the 20th of December.

Researcher will be in attendance at MPs training in third week of January.

Questions and discussion ensued.

3.4. Federal Report

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] congratulated [REDACTED] and their teams.

The federal team supported and assisted the Victorian division well.

The federal MPs are being re-called to Parliament on Thursday next week for the energy deal.

We stick to our values, we are consistent, at a federal level we transitioned seats and at a state level we won seats and transitioned.

In the last 10 years we have been able to completely transform the party in terms of representation of women. We need to pride ourselves on this. At a membership level and a parliamentary team level we beat the Labor party and Liberal party in terms of gender.

Federal and State Director will be undertaking incumbency meetings in the new year.

[REDACTED] thanked [REDACTED], Anne and the federal team for their efforts, particularly with Mildura.

Questions and discussed ensued.

3.5. Finance Report

[REDACTED] was an apology.

[REDACTED] presented the finance report on the screen. Commented that we are in a healthy position in terms of the state campaign account.

The finance committee met two weeks after the last state council. The Treasurer was not present for the meeting.

[REDACTED] raised concerns about the Treasurer's comments last State Council meeting.

Motion: "That the Treasurer write a formal apology to State Council and the Board of Management and speak to it at the next State Council meeting".

Mover: [REDACTED]

Seconder: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mentioned that the party is subject to six audits in a calendar year, so the party is always under scrutiny.

Discussion about Head Office staffing going forward.

Federal MPs will be fundraising from early next year ahead of changes to legislation around donation laws and public funding.

[REDACTED] commented that we are in a great position when compared to where we were at in 2018.

3.6. Young Nationals Report

[REDACTED]

Held over report for State Council.

3.7. Women's Executive Report

[REDACTED]

Excellent to have six women as elected MPs following the state election. Held over report for State Council.

3.8. Committee Reports

3.8.1. Membership

[REDACTED]

Acknowledged the work of [REDACTED]. Requested that we call for nominations at State Council for new members of the committee. Board agreed.

3.8.2. Rules Revision

[REDACTED]

Nothing to report.

3.8.3. Policy

[REDACTED]

Nothing to report.

4. Matters for Noting

4.1. Correspondence

Nil.

5. General Business

5.1. Other Business

- 5.1.1. [REDACTED] raised concerns about the new EPA body.
- 5.1.2. Motion for accepting the [REDACTED] membership was put back on the table due to Anne Webster's absence at the beginning of the meeting. The motion was put again and the same result occurred. Membership applications were declined.
- 5.1.3. [REDACTED] raised organisational policies – requested that we formulate a work plan for the new year.
- 5.1.4. [REDACTED] raised the process for vetting of candidates. [REDACTED] explained some of the process including paperwork and interviews. [REDACTED] added that thorough checks are undertaken.

Board will make a recommendation that candidates have to sign a stat dec as a legal requirement.

Motion: "In reviewing candidate forms, Board of Management recommends that a statutory declaration be added to the required forms".

Mover: [REDACTED]

Seconder: [REDACTED]

- 5.1.5. Condolence motion for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Motion: *"That the Board of Management offers its condolences for the passing of members [REDACTED] [REDACTED]"*.

Mover: [REDACTED]

Seconder: [REDACTED]

6. Next Meeting

Friday 24 February 2023, 6:00pm at Head Office.

7. Meeting Close

6.45pm

From: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
To: [Webster, Anne \(Private\)](#); [REDACTED] [\(A. Webster, MP\)](#); [REDACTED] [_Webster](#);
Subject: FW: Vic Nationals Christmas Party
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: [REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP) On Behalf Of Webster, Anne (MP)
Sent: Tuesday, 14 June 2022 12:57 PM
To: Webster, Anne (MP); [REDACTED]
Subject: Vic Nationals Christmas Party
When: Friday, 9 December 2022 6:00 PM-8:00 PM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney.
Where: Head Office, L13, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne

After the meeting on Friday, we invite you to stick around for some Christmas drinks and nibbles in the office to celebrate a very busy year.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
To: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
Subject: Anne and [REDACTED] visit Victorian Heart Hospital, Blackburn
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[Performance and Support Facilities Primary PCI Service 2014 Aug.docx.pdf](#)

Dr [REDACTED]
Attached – [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Health docs (as requested by Anne Monday 22 May for attachment to this meeting)

Good afternoon,

Further to my call to Dr [REDACTED] then [REDACTED] earlier today, Dr Anne Webster is the member for the federal electorate of Mallee, with Mildura its largest city. Dr Webster is also the shadow assistant minister for regional health. She is pushing for a catheterisation laboratory ('cath lab') to be established in Mildura and was referred to Dr [REDACTED] by Dr [REDACTED], who recently established a cath lab [REDACTED]

Dr Webster will be flying in to Melbourne on other business on Friday morning **26 May and we are looking at her visiting the Victorian Heart Hospital at 1pm** with her husband, Dr [REDACTED] Webster, who is a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. We are setting aside an hour, if this suits, for the visit as Dr Webster must then get to another commitment.

Please confirm whether the visit will be able to go ahead, and what protocols are required when visiting the Hospital.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] **I Chief of Staff**

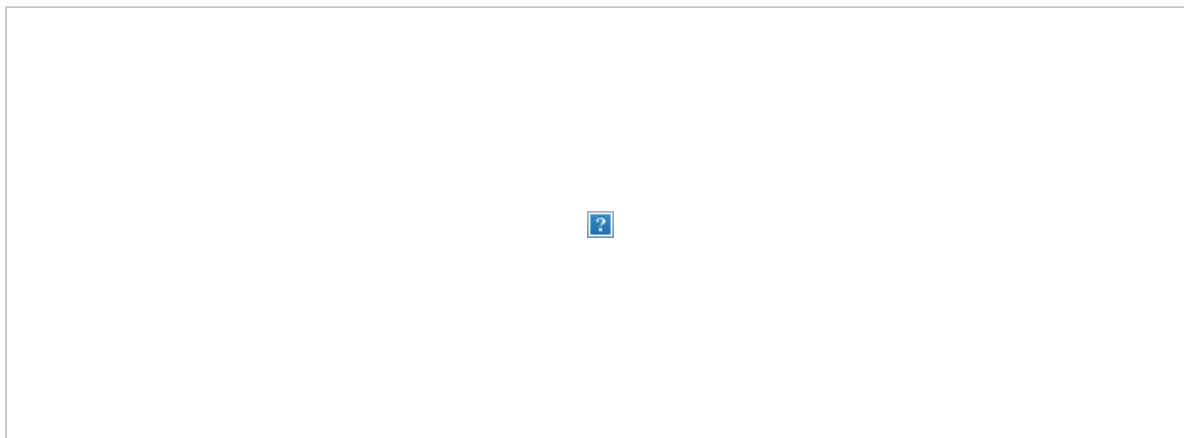
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To: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
Subject: 2:15 Comcar [REDACTED]



Dear Dr Anne Webster MP,

Your COMCAR booking for 26/05/2023 has been **amended**. The new Trip details are:

Trip Reference: [REDACTED]

Pick Up Date: 26/05/2023 **Pick Up Time:** 14:15

Pick Up Location:
Victorian Heart Hospital, 631 Blackburn Rd, Clayton VIC 3168, Australia

Instructions:

Stops:

Drop Off Location:
RACV Goldfields Resort, 1500 Midland Hwy, Creswick VIC 3363, Australia

Instructions:

Vehicle: Sedan

Flight No:

Account Holder: Dr Anne Webster MP

Passenger: Dr Anne Webster MP

Rear Facing: 0 **Forward Facing:** 0 **Booster:** 0

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From: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
To: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
Subject: 12:05 Comcar # [REDACTED]



Dear Dr Anne Webster MP,

Your COMCAR booking for 26/05/2023 has been **amended**. The new Trip details are:

Trip Reference: [REDACTED]

Pick Up Date: 26/05/2023 **Pick Up Time:** 12:05

Pick Up Location:
Melbourne Domestic Airport - Arrival Drive, Melbourne Airport VIC 3045, Australia

Instructions:

Stops:

Drop Off Location:
Victorian Heart Hospital, 631 Blackburn Rd, Clayton VIC 3168, Australia

Instructions:

Vehicle: Sedan

Flight No: QF2079

Account Holder: Dr Anne Webster MP

Passenger: Dr Anne Webster MP

Rear Facing: 0 **Forward Facing:** 0 **Booster:** 0

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The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand

Guidelines on Support Facilities for Coronary
Angiography and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
(PCI)
including
Guidelines on the Performance of Procedures
in Rural Sites

These Guidelines were originally developed by a Working Group chaired by Dr Nigel Jepson. The Guidelines were reviewed in 2011 by members of the Interventional Council Executive, chaired by Dr Jim Stewart, and in 2016*. None of the reviewers have a Conflict of Interest to disclose.

The guidelines were reviewed by the Quality Standards Committee and ratified at the CSANZ Board meeting held on Friday, 25th November 2016.

The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand in general endorses the ACC/AHA/SCAI Update of Guidelines for Percutaneous Intervention (<http://www.acc.org/qualityandscience/clinical/guidelines/percutaneous/update/index.pdf>), and the SCAI Expert Consensus Document on the Current Status and Future Directions of Percutaneous Coronary Intervention without on-site surgical backup. (www.scai.org)

The Cardiac Society believes that diagnostic coronary angiography and percutaneous coronary interventions (PCI) should only be performed where there are:

- Proper hospital infrastructure and facilities;
- Critical mass of appropriately trained workforce;
- On site cardiac surgery or formalised links with a cardiac surgical unit.

In addition, the safe performance of these procedures requires:

- Careful patient selection;
- Comprehensive staff training;
- Structured clinical protocols.

DIRECTOR OF LABORATORY

All cardiac catheter laboratories should have a Director who is experienced in interventional procedures as described in “Guidelines for competency in diagnostic cardiac catheterisation and coronary angiography” and “Guidelines for competency in percutaneous coronary interventions (PCIs)”.

* The Guidelines were updated in 2016 to clarify CSANZ’s role in providing advice to sites wishing to perform coronary interventional procedures in less than the recommended 12-month period.

For centres without on site cardiac surgery the laboratory director or his nominee should establish a formal relationship with a cardiac surgical unit. For rural and regional centres without cardiac surgery ideally the Director should be cross accredited at this referral hospital and perform procedures at this hospital on a regular basis.

NURSING AND TECHNICAL STAFF TRAINING

There are no nationally recognized training standards for nursing or technical staff in coronary angiography or angioplasty. It is recognized that such training will need to be individualized in each institution but should include:

- a didactic component;
- on-site observational training;
- hands-on experience as a second operator.

For rural and regional centres it is recommended that the affiliated metropolitan tertiary hospital assume joint responsibility for training nursing and technical staff.

CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY

Cardiologists performing diagnostic angiography should have completed training as outlined in CSANZ “Guidelines for competency in diagnostic cardiac catheterisation and coronary angiography.”

Laboratories performing diagnostic angiography should have access to coronary care or intensive care facilities and they should be capable of inserting intra-aortic balloon pumps, and transvenous pacemakers. Staff capable of managing patients with temporary pacing wires or intra aortic balloon pumps should be available in the coronary or intensive care unit to management patients requiring these devices following a coronary angiogram.

Cardiac catheterization laboratories performing only diagnostic coronary angiography do not require on-site surgical facilities. With careful patient selection it may be appropriate to perform angiography as a day case procedure. Patients selected for day angiography should have a stable clinical profile. Special care should be taken in cases with left main stenosis, critical valvular disease and in patients with significant associated co-morbidities including uncontrolled hypertension, unstable diabetes significant renal impairment or significant left ventricular impairment.

ELECTIVE PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION

Units with and without on-site surgical back-up

The Society believes that coronary interventional procedures are preferably performed in hospitals with on-site surgical support. However the Society believes that centres without on site surgical backup can provide coronary interventional procedures in accordance with the following standards:

- All operators and centres should meet the minimum requirements set in the Cardiac Society’s “Guidelines for Competency in Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)”.
- Hospitals should accredit Cardiologists individually to perform PCIs.
- Ideally there should be a minimum of two appropriately trained interventional cardiologists in centres providing elective PCI.

- Facilities providing only elective PCI should have an on-call team available to deal with post-procedural complications for at least 24 hours after the last procedure is performed.
- It is not ideal that low volume operators (<100 PCIs per year) perform PCIs in low volume centres (centre performing <400 PCIs per year).
- There should be access to Coronary Care facilities for routine post procedure management and an Intensive Care Unit to facilitate management of mechanically ventilated patients. All units should have the ability to provide support IABP insertion and subsequent care and also the capability to provide a routine and urgent echocardiographic service.
- Individual hospitals should have a written policy covering these issues. It is recommended that these arrangements be reconfirmed at regular intervals (at least yearly) and updated when necessary.
- The Society believes that under certain circumstances coronary interventions can be safely performed as a day case procedure. Patients selected for day case angioplasty should have stable clinical profile and non-complex anatomy. They should be functionally independent, or have adequate domestic support following discharge, to ensure they are able to promptly access medical attention should early post-procedural complications occur.

Units without on-site surgical backup

The Cardiac Society recognizes that rural patients have lower access to diagnostic angiography and interventional procedures. Furthermore, the Society acknowledges that providing this service as close to the patient's place of residence as possible facilitates equity of access which should result in improved quality of care.

Under certain conditions the Cardiac Society believes that appropriately trained individuals can perform coronary interventional procedures safely in hospitals without on-site surgical backup. These include:

Facilities contemplating performing coronary interventional procedures without on-site surgical back up should first develop a diagnostic coronary angiography service. This should operate for 12 months and demonstrate acceptable morbidity and mortality for performance of these procedures before commencing a coronary interventional program. Consideration may be given to abbreviating this period particularly in circumstances where a highly experienced operator (performed more than 1000 PCI cases) is developing the new interventional service and is supported by appropriately skilled cardiac catheterization staff. While the Interventional Council of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand does not have a mandate to credential facilities, or individuals within them, it does have a leadership role in establishing and maintaining standards in the region. As such, a volunteer from the Interventional Council may be available to inspect facilities if the Council is asked for its advice.

- When consent is obtained from a patient to perform a PCI in a facility without on-site surgical backup, the potential delay in obtaining cardiac surgery for complications should be explained to individual patients.
- Once coronary interventional procedures are performed at a facility, there should be an on call team available for at least 24 hours following the last case to deal with any post-procedural complications.

- The Society believes that careful selection of cases is important and patients with a stable clinical condition but high risk anatomy may be better served by performing the procedure in a facility with on-site surgical back up. On the other hand the Society is aware of the potential benefits of early reperfusion with potential myocardial salvage in individuals with large ST elevation myocardial infarction or in individuals with cardiogenic shock.
- Rural and regional centres without cardiac surgery should establish a formal liaison with a high volume PCI centre which has on site cardiac surgery.
 - There should be a formal written agreement with a cardiac surgery team and a policy for the transport of patients to the surgical centre.
 - There should be a formal agreement to perform high risk elective PCIs at the referral centre (see below).
 - The referral centre should assume joint responsibility for training of medical, nursing and technical staff.
 - The referral centre should participate in regular case discussion and peer review with the regional centre.
- New PCI services, especially those in rural and regional centres more than 1 hour travel time from cardiac surgery, should be initially supervised by an experienced operator (experience of more than 1000 PCI cases), who should be present during cases and mentor less experienced operators. This supervision should continue until the mentor and all operators are satisfied that local policies, facilities, case selection, and outcomes are sufficient to allow the service to operate safely without the presence of the mentor.
- Rural and regional centres more than 1 hour travel time from cardiac surgery, should not perform elective, high risk PCIs defined as:

Patients with:

- Left ventricular ejection fraction < 25%.
- Unprotected left main stenosis.
- Single or multiple target lesions that in aggregate jeopardise over 50% of the remaining viable myocardium.

Target lesion with:

- Excessive proximal tortuosity or lesion angulation.
- Moderate or greater calcification of the target lesion or proximal segment.
- Bifurcation lesions (side branch > 2.25mm) where iatrogenic occlusion of a side branch would be an indication for emergency CABG.
- Degenerative vein grafts.
- Chronic total occlusion.

PRIMARY PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION

- The Society believes that a policy of primary PCI should only be performed after an elective PCI program has been established and shown to perform with acceptable morbidity and mortality. Outcomes appear to be optimal when the centre is treating more than 36 STEMI with primary PCI per year (at least 11 cases per year/operator), however a policy of 24/7 primary PCI should not be offered until in the view of the laboratory director, there is:
 - Sufficient infrastructure (workforce and clinical services) to ensure that procedures can be performed safely outside routine working hours.
 - Appropriately trained interventional cardiologists willing to participate in such a program
 - Clearly defined roster of on-call interventionalists - for 24/7 cover, at least 3 Interventional cardiologists are required to maintain an adequate roster but additional Interventionalists may be required depending on case load.
- Patients transferred to a private facility as part of an in-field STEMI activation program should not be denied primary PCI therapy at that facility if they do not have private health insurance coverage. Similarly, these patients should not subsequently be expected to reimburse costs related to treatment.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Society believes that careful and complete record keeping and peer-review auditing of individual and procedural results is mandatory and an intrinsic part of quality assurance related to coronary angiography and coronary interventional procedures. The lack of prompt availability of these details would constitute a major breach of this policy.

Reference

[SCAI Consensus Statement on PCI w/o Surgical Back-up](http://www.scai.org/asset.axd?id=68c55b15-90df-4e66-a345-4f31a1421fd8&t=634112004575130000) www.scai.org/asset.axd?id=68c55b15-90df-4e66-a345-4f31a1421fd8&t=634112004575130000



The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand

Position Statement

Performance of and Support Facilities for a Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Service

This Position Statement was originally developed by a Working Group chaired by Dr Nigel Jepson. The Statement was reviewed by members of the Interventional Council Executive, chaired by Dr Jim Stewart. None of the reviewers have a Conflict of Interest to disclose.

The Statement was reviewed by the Continuing Education and Recertification Committee and ratified at the CSANZ Board meeting held on Friday 1st August 2014.

Primary PCI is indicated in patients with STEMI or MI with new LBBB presenting < 12 hours from symptom onset. The benefits are dependent upon the delivery of prompt and expert therapy by an established and effective primary PCI program. This Position Statement outlines the requirements to develop a dedicated acute infarct angioplasty service capable of delivering every day, 24 hour therapy.

For the purpose of this document, primary PCI for STEMI incorporates patients undergoing rescue intervention for failed reperfusion after thrombolysis with evidence of either haemodynamic or electrical instability or ongoing ischaemia.

Elective PCI and primary PCI for STEMI are different although obviously related disciplines. Experience in elective PCI only partially translates to experience with primary PCI for STEMI. The volume-outcome relationship exists for both elective procedures and primary PCI but has important differences. Available data indicate that the best results are obtained by operators who are highly experienced both in elective PCI and in primary PCI who work in institutions that have established an active program for primary PCI. Operator experience in elective PCI is not sufficient to confer expertise in primary PCI as there are aspects and conduct unique to the urgent procedure.

It is recommended that primary PCI for STEMI be performed by appropriately trained higher volume operators experienced in both elective and primary PCI. All operators and centres should meet the minimum requirements set in the Cardiac Society's "Position Statement for Competency in Percutaneous Coronary Intervention." Ongoing activity levels expected for maintenance of competence:

Individual	75+ elective PCI procedures per year 11+ primary PCI cases per year
Centre	36+ primary PCI procedures for STEMI per year 200+ overall PCI cases per year

Personnel and facility requirements for an effective primary PCI program (irrespective of whether cardiac surgery is available onsite) -

- Full support and commitment from hospital administration, fulfilling institutional requirements including support services.
- A comprehensive system of care to shorten time between symptom onset and primary PCI should be in place. Ideally this should include an 'in-field activation' program established in conjunction with local ambulance services to minimize treatment delays. Furthermore a system facilitating early recognition in the Emergency Department with prompt contact with the Cardiology team should be established. Pathways of communication and a clearly defined mechanism of primary PCI activation needs to be implemented prospectively. Real-time data feedback with Emergency Department and catheterisation laboratory staff should be undertaken.
- Experienced nursing and technical catheterisation staff with training in interventional laboratories. Personnel must be experienced in managing acutely unwell patients with haemodynamic and electrical instability.
- Laboratory staff must be skilled in all aspects of interventional equipment and must participate in an on call schedule permitting laboratory operation 24 hours-per-day, 365-days-per-year.
- A well equipped and maintained catheterisation laboratory with high-resolution digital imaging capacity and an appropriately diverse inventory of interventional equipment including intra-aortic balloon pump capability and resuscitative equipment.
- Coronary care unit staff must be adept in haemodynamic monitoring, temporary pacemaker operation and IABP management.
- Primary PCI must be performed routinely as the treatment of first choice for STEMI around the clock to ensure streamlined care paths and increased case volumes. Door to balloon times should not exceed 90 minutes.
- Primary PCI may be reasonably considered by a high volume operator (experience > 1000 PCI cases, including undertaking 11+ primary PCI per year) in an established unit with experience in elective PCI although without a dedicated 24 hours-per-day, 365-days-per-year program. This is particularly relevant to a non-metropolitan centre with adequate facilities and infrastructure and when the operator felt primary PCI was the preferred treatment strategy. Audit of clinical outcomes in these patients would need to be closely monitored.
- On-site rigorous data collection, ongoing program of outcomes review, benchmarking, quality improvement and formalized periodic case analysis. Door to balloon times should be frequently reviewed as a component of quality assessment with a view to implementing strategies permitting optimal reperfusion within 90 minutes of presentation.

The Society believes that a policy of routine primary PCI should only be performed after an elective PCI program has been established and shown to perform with acceptable morbidity and mortality. Hospital administration must fully support the program and enable provision of institutional requirements. Institutions should participate in 3-6 month period of implementation, during which time development of a formalized primary PCI program is instituted that includes establishment of standards, training of staff, logistic development and creation of a quality-assessment and error management system.

A policy of 24/7 primary PCI however should not be offered until in view of the laboratory director, there is:

- Sufficient infrastructure (workforce and clinical services) to ensure that procedures can be performed safely outside routine working hours
- Appropriately trained interventional cardiologists, willing to participate in such a program which should ideally include more than 2 interventional cardiologists.

Primary PCI service without surgical back-up -

- Operator and institutional experience as defined above
- Proven plan for rapid transport to a cardiac surgical centre
- Performed in a timely fashion (< 90 mins)
- Case selection must be rigorous

Caution: Discretion should be exercised when assessing haemodynamically stable patients with complex infarct related lesions that have TIMI 3 flow.

Urgent transfer to institution with cardiac surgery of patients with:

High-grade residual left main or multi-vessel disease and clinical or haemodynamic instability after culprit vessel primary PCI, preferably with IABP support

The Society believes that careful and complete record keeping and peer-review auditing of individual and procedural results is mandatory and an intrinsic part of quality assurance related to primary PCI procedures (whether undertaken with or without surgical backup). The lack of prompt availability of these details would constitute a major breach of this policy.

From: [Assurance](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Assurance](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CM: IPEA Inquiry Webster [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 14 May 2025 3:40:39 PM
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From: Webster, Anne (MP)

Sent: Tuesday, 13 May 2025 3:05 PM

To: Assurance

Cc: [REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP); [REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP)

Subject: CM: IPEA Inquiry Webster

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Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025 4:41:32 PM
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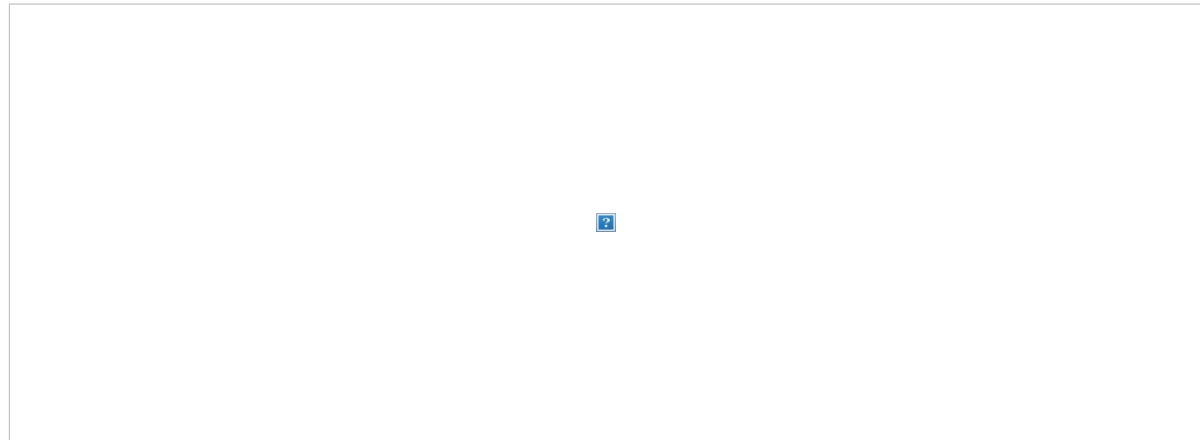
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Federal Member for Mallee
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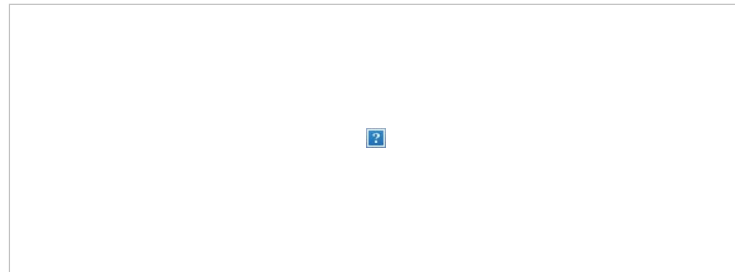
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]-WEBSTER/[REDACTED] DR-Dep Date 21/06/2023
Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025 4:12:04 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]-WEBSTER [REDACTED] DR-Itinerary & Costing - Full.pdf

Hi [REDACTED]

I have confirmed with accounts that the flight [REDACTED]>MEL 21 JUN 2023 was paid by cash.

If you have evidence on a cc statement we can investigate further for you.

If this was suppose to be paid by cc we can reverse and organise the payment via the correct method.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED] | Corporate Consultant
p | 1800 187 584 | +61 2 [REDACTED] e | [REDACTED]@travelctm.com w | travelctm.com
Corporate Travel Management | Parliament House, Parliament Dr, Canberra ACT 2600



Thursday 15 May 2025 16:11 - Sydney, NSW

Itinerary for
WEBSTER [REDACTED] DR

Booking Number: [REDACTED]
PNR Reference: BOLUPA
Consultant: CTM After Hours
Booked By: [REDACTED]
Departure Date: 21 Jun 23
Debtor: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA)
Return Date: 23 Jun 23

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Should you require assistance with booking changes or amendments, please contact CTM 24/7 on the following numbers:

Within Australia - 1800 187 584
Outside Australia - +61 [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ITINERARY

Please check your itinerary is correct and contact CTM for any changes.

Date	Service	Details		
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Frequent Flyer Numbers

WEBSTER/[REDACTED] DR FF QF [REDACTED]

Ticket Numbers

- TKT QF 9647687570 - WEBSTER/[REDACTED] DR - ADULT - CBR-SYD
- TKT QF 9647687568 - WEBSTER/[REDACTED] DR - ADULT - [REDACTED]-MEL
- TKT QF 9647687571 - WEBSTER/[REDACTED] DR - ADULT - SYD-[REDACTED]
- TKT QF 9647687569 - WEBSTER/[REDACTED] DR - ADULT - MEL-CBR

Pre Pay	Description	Rates ex GST	Taxes/Fees ex GST	GST	AUD Total
Ticket	QF - B - Economy FLEX 9647687570 - 11 Jun 23 - ADULT 23 Jun 23 CANBERRA- SYDNEY	123.77	46.38	17.02	187.17
Ticket	QF - B - Economy FLEX 9647687568 - 11 Jun 23 - ADULT 21 Jun 23 ██████ MELBOURNE	300.81	28.39	32.92	362.12
Ticket	QF - B - Economy FLEX 9647687571 - 11 Jun 23 - ADULT 23 Jun 23 SYDNEY- ██████	332.44	32.90	36.53	401.87
Ticket	QF - I - Business Class 9647687569 - 11 Jun 23 - ADULT 22 Jun 23 MELBOURNE- CANBERRA	419.86	41.87	46.18	507.91
Due		1176.88	149.54	132.65	1459.07
Total Booking Cost Inc Pay Direct				132.65	1459.07

Final Ticket Date: 12 Jun 23

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www.jetstar.com/au/en/planning-and-booking/checking-in/domestic

QANTAS

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<http://www.qantas.com.au/travel/airlines/checkin/global/en>

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance; [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel - Flight for Dr [REDACTED] Webster [REDACTED] to Melbourne - 21 June 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 23 May 2025 10:55:45 AM
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Dear [REDACTED]

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We are further looking at this matter and Dr Anne Webster's travel and will write shortly write to her regarding any travel costs that need to be repaid. You and [REDACTED] will be copied in.

Sincerely

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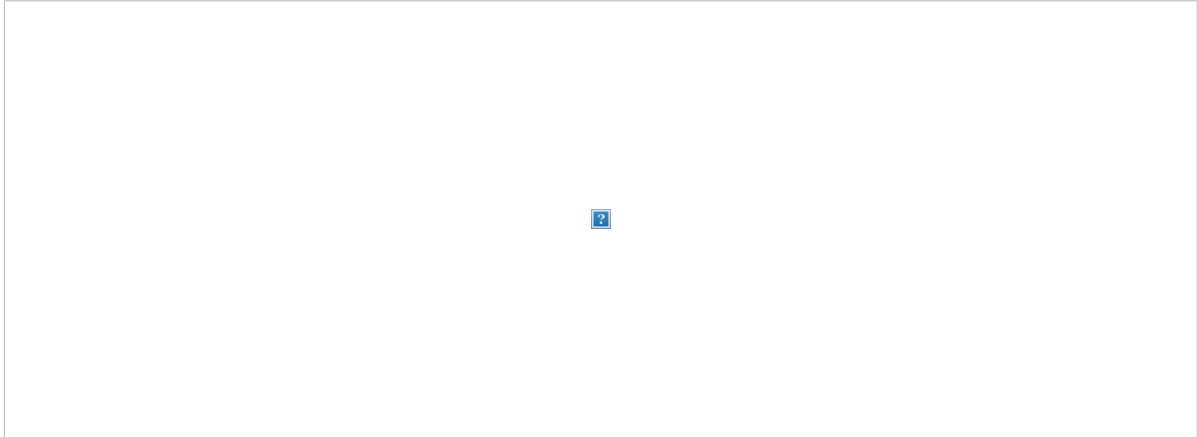
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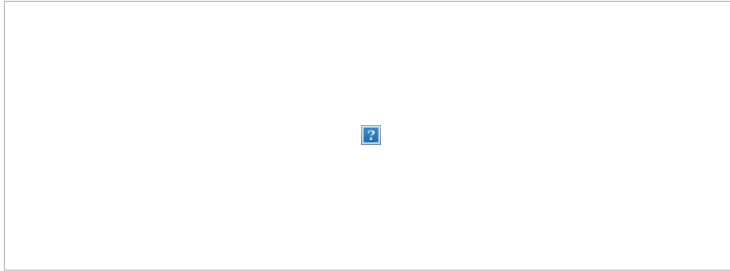
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Assurance](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 6 June 2025 9:35:17 AM
Attachments: [Correspondence_Dr Anne Webster MP Assurance Review Family Reunion Travel.pdf](#)
[Attachment A Email to \[REDACTED\] Flights for Dr \[REDACTED\] Webster \[SEC=OFFICIAL\].pdf](#)
[Attachment B Email from the office of Dr Anne Webster MP Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources.pdf](#)
[Attachment C Correspondence_Dr Anne Webster MP Assurance Review Family reunion travel Request for further information.pdf](#)
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OFFICIAL

Dr Anne Webster MP

Member for Mallee

Good morning Dr Webster

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority for your consideration.

Sincerely

Nicole Pearson

Chief of Transparency, Integrity and Legal
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Australian Government
Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

6 June 2025

Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee
PO Box 1133
Mildura, VIC, 3502

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Webster

Assurance Review of Members of Parliament work resources – Family Reunion Travel

Thank you for continued engagement with IPEA regarding the Assurance Review of Members of Parliament work resources for family reunion purposes and for the emails from your Chief of Staff regarding Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flights in June 2023. As advised in our email of 23 May 2025 to [REDACTED] IPEA has confirmed that those flights were paid by IPEA. See the attached email (**Attachment A**).

Under family reunion provisions, Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flights could be paid for by the Commonwealth under the Parliamentary Business Resources Framework to unite with you at a location where you were undertaking parliamentary business. The issue then to be resolved is what parliamentary business you were undertaking in Melbourne on 21 June 2023 before returning to Canberra on 22 June 2023.

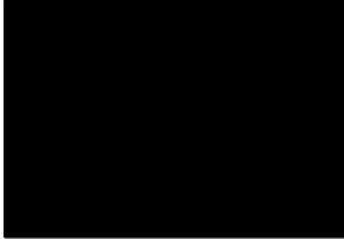
In your email to IPEA of 20 February 2025 (refer to **Attachment B**), you advised IPEA that you were in Melbourne with Dr [REDACTED] Webster for personal reasons on 21 June 2023. As advised in our letter of 7 May 2025 (refer to **Attachment C**), the current travel entitlements do not provide for overnight stays for personal reasons that do not *immediately* end at your home base.

Could you therefore confirm your previous advice that this overnight stay was for personal reasons and that the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne was not parliamentary business. If this was the case, IPEA will need to invoice you for your flights from Canberra to Melbourne and return.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **25 June 2025**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson
Chief of Transparency, Integrity and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

From: Assurance
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance; [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel - Flight for Dr [REDACTED] Webster - [REDACTED] to Melbourne - 21 June 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 23 May 2025 10:55:45 AM
Attachments: image004.png

OFFICIAL

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your patience while IPEA investigated the payment associated with Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flight from [REDACTED] to Melbourne on 21 June 2023.

IPEA has checked and confirmed with CTM that your office requested to pay for Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flight using a personal account. Unfortunately, CTM nonetheless charged Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flight to IPEA and it has been paid by IPEA. While CTM also advised your office (email of 15 May 2025 from [REDACTED] CTM Corporate Consultant) that Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flight was paid by "cash", CTM has advised that the term was used broadly to describe a CTM process, and that in fact the flight was charged to IPEA. CTM acknowledges that the terminology is confusing.

We are further looking at this matter and Dr Anne Webster's travel and will write shortly write to her regarding any travel costs that need to be repaid. You and [REDACTED] will be copied in.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email regarding Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flights.

IPEA is further investigating this matter and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 15 May 2025 4:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (A. Webster, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CM: IPEA Inquiry Webster [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

We have been reviewing our records today and trying to get to the bottom of what is being questioned.

Does IPEA have a record of being charged for Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flights during these dates, or a record of Dr [REDACTED] Webster claiming those flights from IPEA?

Our records indicate that CTM paid for Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flights via Dr Anne Webster's personal credit card. I attach an email from CTM this afternoon on this subject.

Can you confirm which of Dr [REDACTED] Webster's flights that reimbursement or claim was sought via IPEA for the period 21 to 23 June 2023?

It would be helpful, given the potentially confusing language about 'Dr Webster' and 'Dr Webster' if you could itemise the flights you would be seeking reimbursement for, and who was the passenger..

I confirm that Dr [REDACTED] Webster attended with Dr Anne Webster MP to Lucas Heights, Sydney for the Sydney leg as she was attending on a parliamentary delegation to the facility.

██████████ I Chief of Staff
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health
P: 03 5021 5987 | ██████████
E: ██████████



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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 May 2025 3:41 PM
To: Webster, Anne (MP) ██████████
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; ██████████ (A. Webster, MP) ██████████ (A. Webster, MP)
Subject: RE: CM: IPEA Inquiry Webster [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Dr Webster

Thank you for the attached information regarding your attendance at the Victorian Nationals Christmas Party on 9 December 2022 and your visit to the Victorian Heart Hospital on 26 May 2023. IPEA is satisfied with the information provided.

With respect to you and your spouse's travel to Melbourne on 21 June 2023 for personal reasons, I understand that you advised ██████████ that you and Dr ██████████ Webster travelled from Melbourne to Canberra on 22 June 2023 where you advised you also have a home base.

The Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017 (PBR Regulations) define "home base" as:

- (a) for the Prime Minister—means any of the following:
- (i) an official residence of the Prime Minister (or another residence provided by the Commonwealth for the Prime Minister);
 - (ii) the residence nominated to IPEA by the Prime Minister as the Prime Minister's principal private place of residence; or
- (b) for another member—means the member's principal place of residence as nominated to IPEA by the member; or
- (c) for a family member of a member—means the family member's principal place of residence as nominated to IPEA by the member.

IPEA's records show that you have nominated ██████████ Victoria as your home base. The PBR Regulations do not provide for a secondary place of residence to be nominated as an alternative home base.

I understand that you advised ██████████ that you returned to ██████████ with Dr Webster on 23 June 2023 following parliamentary business in Sydney. For your travel from Canberra to Melbourne (and return) between 21-22 June 2023, and Dr Webster's travel from ██████████ to Melbourne on 21 June 2023 to be consistent with the Parliamentary Business Resources framework, you should have returned to your home base on 22 June 2023, immediately following the personal travel to Melbourne on 21 June 2023.

Based on the information provided, IPEA will need to invoice you for the flights set out above.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on ██████████

Sincerely

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From: Webster, Anne (MP) ██████████
Sent: Tuesday, 13 May 2025 3:05 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: ██████████ (A. Webster, MP) ██████████ (A. Webster, MP) ██████████

Subject: CM: IPEA Inquiry Webster

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking my call earlier. I trust the attachments here are helpful and are what you are looking for.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Anne

Dr Anne Webster MP

Federal Member for Mallee

Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health

E: [REDACTED]

P: 03 5021 5987



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From: [Anne Webster MP](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: HPE CM: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources (Case Ref: [REDACTED])
Date: Thursday, 20 February 2025 3:00:23 PM
Attachments: [ANSTO VIP Visit 23 June 2023.docx](#)
[B11097~1.PDF](#)
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[Directions-ANSTO-Directions.pdf](#)
[Family Reunion 2022 -2023 assurance review .docx](#)
[Board of Management Agenda 9 December 2022.pdf](#)
[29 May 2023 Jacinta Price article.pdf](#)
[National Party conference email 26-27 May 2023.pdf](#)
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Good afternoon

Please find attached evidence for the following dates for Family Reunion Travel for 2022 -2023

Family Reunion Travel

9 - 10 December 2022

[REDACTED] Webster travelled with Dr Anne Webster MP December 9th, 2022, to Melbourne to attend The National Board of Management - Victoria Head office (please see attached)
After the meeting Vic National Christmas Party – 113, 30 Collins St Melbourne
Stayed overnight with Anne Webster MP at [REDACTED] Melbourne [REDACTED] Melbourne
Comcar was used for travel to from & to Airport.

26 – 28 May 2023

[REDACTED] Webster met Anne Webster MP in Melbourne on the 26 May 2023 they both visited the Victorian Heart Hospital in Blackburn
Anne Webster shadow assistant minister for regional health. She is pushing for a catheterisation laboratory ('cath lab') to be established in Mildura and was referred to Dr [REDACTED] by Dr [REDACTED] who recently established a cath lab [REDACTED]
Anne & [REDACTED] then travelled to RACV Goldfields Resort in Creswick to attend NPAV Board of Management (please see attached)
After the meeting Anne & [REDACTED] Webster attended a Gala Dinner (The 2023 state conference)

27 May – The 2023 State conference from 8.00 to 4.30

Buloke time Page 3 (attached)

Comcar was used for this travel

28 May – Anne flew back to Canberra and [REDACTED] returned to [REDACTED]

22 – 23 June 2023

21 June Anne & [REDACTED] were in Melbourne on personal matter

22 June [REDACTED] accompany Anne to Canberra

23 June Nationals trip to ANSTO Lucas Heights (see Attached)

23 June Anne & [REDACTED] returned to Mildura

Comcar was used for this travel.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] I Electorate Officer
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP

Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health

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From: "Assurance "
Sent: 5 February 2025 00:36
To: Webster, [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance@ipea.gov.au
Subject: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources

OFFICIAL

Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee

Dear Dr Webster

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

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Australian Government
Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

7 May 2025

Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee
PO Box 1133
Mildura, VIC, 3502

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Webster

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

Thank you for the response to IPEA's letter of 4 February 2025 regarding the Assurance Review of your use of travel and travel-related resources for Family Reunion travel.

In IPEA's original correspondence we requested that you provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting. IPEA acknowledges that you have provided a range of documentation that supports elements of the response, however IPEA is seeking further clarification of specific aspects of your travel as follows:

- 1) Can you please provide documentation such as diary notes and/or invitations and/or information such as the length of time spent at the following engagements:
 - attendance at the Victorian Nationals Christmas Party on 9 December 2022
 - visit to the Victorian Heart Hospital on 26 May 2023.
- 2) With regard to your flight from Canberra to Melbourne on 21 June 2023 and use of family travel entitlements for air travel for your husband, Mr Webster, from [REDACTED] to meet you in Melbourne on that day, IPEA notes that you have indicated this trip was for personal reasons. IPEA records show that you both remained in Melbourne overnight, but did not claim Travel Allowance for this overnight stay. You then returned to Canberra on 22 June along with Mr Webster before travelling with him to Sydney for parliamentary business and then returning to [REDACTED]

IPEA records show that you sought advice on 16 June and again on 12 July 2023 regarding stopovers in Melbourne, but the advice sought was in relation to travel that ended in your home base in [REDACTED]. However, IPEA records do not show that either you or Mr Webster returned to [REDACTED] immediately after the overnight trip

to Melbourne 21-22 June, which brings into question whether the overnight trip was a stopover on the way to your home base.

The current travel entitlements do not provide for overnight stays for personal reasons that do not end at your home base. If you and Mr Webster were in Melbourne solely for personal matters and you did not return to Mildura on 21 June 2023, you may have accessed parliamentary business resources inconsistent with the Parliamentary Business Framework:


- for your travel from Canberra to Melbourne and return between 21-22 June 2023; and
- for Mr Webster's travel from [REDACTED] to Melbourne on 21 June 2023

Could you therefore confirm your previous advice that this overnight stay was for personal reasons and there was no parliamentary business in Melbourne which was the dominant purpose of your travel. Note that if this was the case, IPEA will need to invoice you for the flights referred to above.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, including any other comments or information that may be relevant, by close of business on **22 May 2025**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson
Chief of Transparency, Integrity and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

From: [Anne Webster MP](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [SEC=OFFICIAL] (Case Ref: [REDACTED])
Date: Friday, 6 June 2025 4:28:02 PM

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Good afternoon,

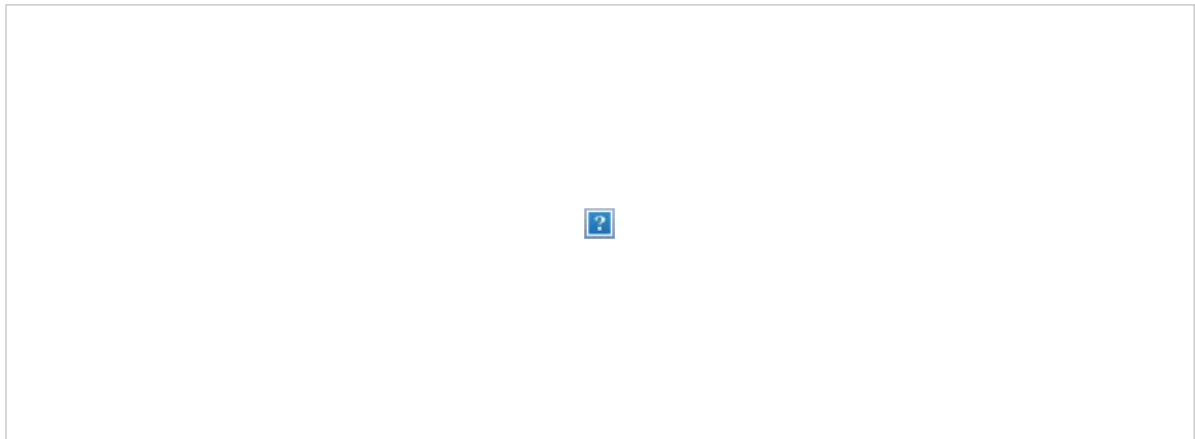
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Considering this, could you please issue an invoice to Dr Webster for the cost of those flights?
Kind regards,

[REDACTED] **I Electorate Officer**
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP

Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
Shadow Minister for Regional Communications

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au >
Sent: 05 June 2025 23:35
To: Webster, [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance@ipea.gov.au, [REDACTED]
Subject: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dr Anne Webster MP

Member for Mallee

Good morning Dr Webster

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Sincerely

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From: Assurance
To: Dr Anne Webster MP
Cc: [REDACTED] MP (Case Ref: [REDACTED]) [SEC-OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 20 June 2025 3:14:38 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallice

Dear Dr Webster

Thank you for your email confirming that Dr Webster's travel to Melbourne was for personal reasons. As indicated below, this travel was paid for using your parliamentary travel resources, and will need to be recovered by IPEA.

Further, as requested in our letter dated 6 June 2025, attached again for your convenience, could you please confirm by Friday 27 June 2025, whether your own travel Canberra to Melbourne and return between 21-22 June 2023 was also solely for personal reasons. If this is the case, those travel costs, which were paid for using parliamentary travel resources, will also need to be recovered.

Once you have responded to the latter question, IPEA will proceed to finalise the Assurance Review of your use of family travel and other resources, and will provide you with a draft consultation copy. We will also provide the invoices for repayment at that time.

Should you have any questions, please call me on [REDACTED]

Sincerely

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From: Anne Webster MP
Sent: Friday, 6 June 2025 4:28 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [SEC-OFFICIAL] (Case Ref: [REDACTED])

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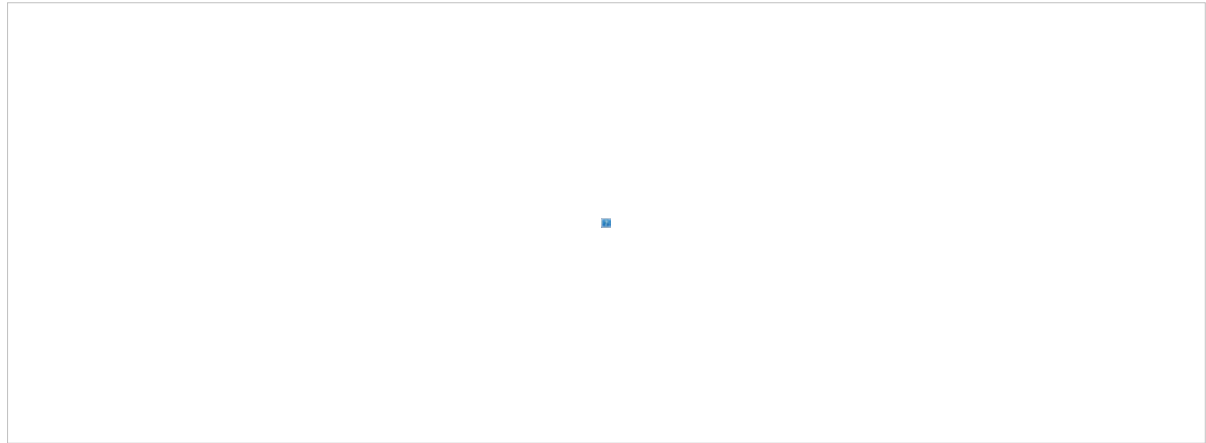
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Kind regards,

[REDACTED] | Electorate Officer
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP

Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallice
Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
Shadow Minister for Regional Communications

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From: Assurance <assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: 05 June 2025 23:35
To: Webster
Cc: assurance@ipea.gov.au
Subject: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [SEC-OFFICIAL]

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Dr Anne Webster MP
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Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP (Case Ref [REDACTED]) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 23 June 2025 10:46:40 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]
Dr Webster has reviewed your e-mail and indicates that she will repay the Canberra - Melbourne return trip on 21-22 June 2023
Kind regards,

[REDACTED] | Chief of Staff
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee

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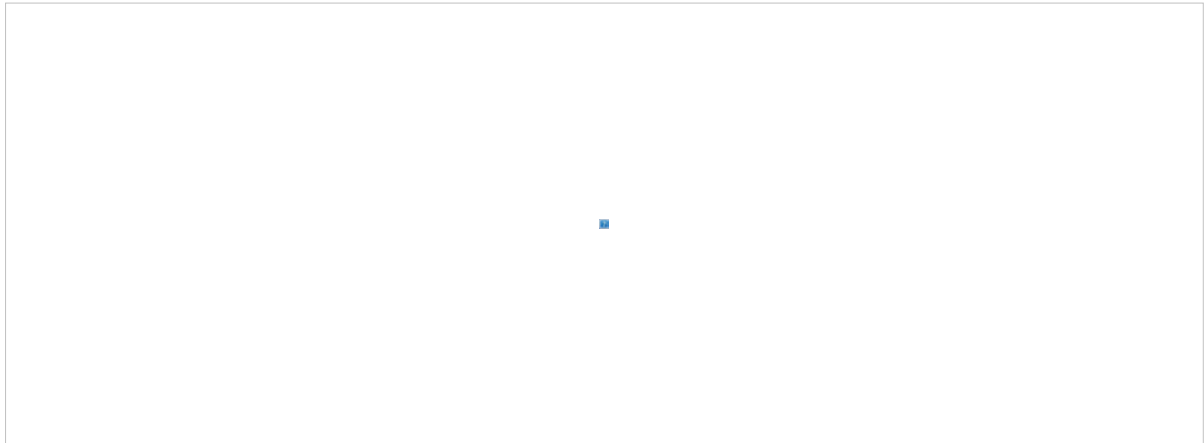
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[REDACTED] FP



From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: 05 June 2025 23:35
To: Webster [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance@ipea.gov.au
Subject: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee
Good morning Dr Webster
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Parl Repayments](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Repayment request - Flights for Dr Anne and Philip Webster - June 2023 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 18 November 2025 3:05:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Invoice_20320217.pdf](#)
[Email from Dr Webster's office regarding repayment of Dr \[REDACTED\] Webster's flights.pdf](#)
[Email from Dr Webster's office regarding repayment for Dr Anne Webster.pdf](#)

OFFICIAL

Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee

Dear Dr Webster

I am writing in response to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] emails (refer to the attached) indicating that you wished to repay the following expenses:

- travel fare (flight) incurred by you to Melbourne on 21 June 2023
- travel fare (flight) incurred by you to Canberra on 22 June 2023
- travel fare (flight) incurred by Dr [REDACTED] Webster from Mildura to Melbourne on 21 June 2023

IPEA has taken this request to indicate that the expenses were not incurred for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business, or that in some other way it represented a convention of section 26, 27 or 28 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2107* (the Act).

Section 38 of the Act deals with penalty loadings to be applied to the value of public resources where there has been a contravention of section 26, 27 or 28. The effect of section 38(3) is that unless the value of the public resource has been repaid within 28 days of the date of the claim, a penalty loading of 25% is applied to the resource amount.

As it is more than 28 days since the date of your claim for this public resource, a penalty loading of \$453.08 has been applied. A total invoice for \$2265.40 is attached and I would be grateful if you could arrange payment by the due date shown on the invoice.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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TAX INVOICE

Invoice To:

Dr Anne [REDACTED] Webster MP
 Parliament House
 PO BOX 6022
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Invoice Date: 17.11.2025
Phone number: (02) 6215 3000
Invoice Reference: [REDACTED]
Payment Reference: [REDACTED]
Customer No: [REDACTED]
Payment Due Date: 17.12.2025
Email: [REDACTED]

On any correspondence,
 please quote the Invoice Reference.

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date

Item Description	Net Amount	GST Amount	Total Amount
001 *25 Per cent penalty loading 21 Jun 23	\$90.53		\$90.53
002 *25 Per cent penalty loading 21 Jun 23	\$235.57		\$235.57
003 *Recovery of Airfare 21 Jun 23	\$329.20	\$32.92	\$362.12
004 *25 Per cent penalty loading 22 Jun 23#	\$126.98		\$126.98
005 *Recovery of Airfare 22 Jun 23	\$461.74	\$46.17	\$507.91
006 *Recovery of Airfare 21 Jun 23	\$856.62	\$85.67	\$942.29

Total: \$2,100.64 \$164.76 \$2,265.40

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2. Mailing your payment
 All cheques and money orders should be made payable to the IPEA.
 Mail payment together with this stub to:

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 1 Canberra Avenue FORREST, ACT, 2603

3. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by email to finance@ipea.gov.au or contact the IPEA Help Desk on (02) 6215 3000 with your credit card details.

Card Type: Mastercard Visa

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CCV _____

Name of Card Holder: _____ Signature: _____

Payment Amount: _____ Date: _____ Payment Ref: [REDACTED]

From: [Anne Webster MP](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [SEC=OFFICIAL] (Case Ref: MA512010)
Date: Friday, 6 June 2025 4:28:02 PM

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Kind regards,

[REDACTED] **I Electorate Officer**
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP

Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Sent: 05 June 2025 23:35

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Assurance@ipea.gov.au, [REDACTED]

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OFFICIAL

Dr Anne Webster MP

Member for Mallee

Good morning Dr Webster

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority for your consideration.

Sincerely

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Nicole Pearson

Chief of Transparency, Integrity and Legal

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] - Family Reunion - Dr Anne Webster MP [REDACTED] [SEC-OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 23 June 2025 10:48:42 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]
Dr Webster has reviewed your e-mail and indicates that she will repay the Canberra - Melbourne return trip on 21-22 June 2023
Kind regards,

[REDACTED] | Chief of Staff
Office of Dr Anne Webster MP
Federal Member for Mallee
Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel - Dr Anne Webster MP [REDACTED] [SEC-OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dr Anne Webster MP
Member for Mallee

Dear Dr Webster

Thank you for your email confirming that Dr [REDACTED] Webster's travel to Melbourne was for personal reasons. As indicated below, this travel was paid for using your parliamentary travel resources, and will need to be recovered by IPEA. Further, as requested in our letter dated 6 June 2025, attached again for your convenience, could you please confirm by **Friday 27 June 2025**, whether your own travel Canberra to Melbourne and return between 21-22 June 2023 was also solely for personal reasons. If this is the case, those travel costs, which were paid for using parliamentary travel resources, will also need to be recovered. Once you have responded to the latter question, IPEA will proceed to finalise the Assurance Review of your use of family travel and other resources, and will provide you with a draft consultation copy. We will also provide the invoices for repayment at that time. Should you have any questions, please call me on [REDACTED]. Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Director, Assurance and Audit
Transparency, Integrity and Legal Branch
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

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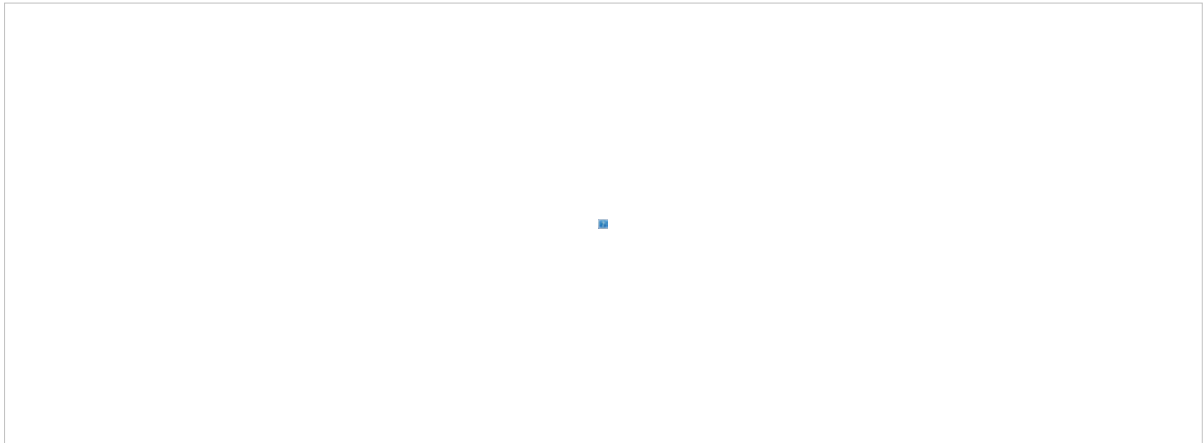
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From: [Webster, Anne \(MP\)](#)
To: [Parl Repayments](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] ([A. Webster, MP](#)); [REDACTED] ([A. Webster, MP](#))
Subject: CM: Payment [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 1:38:20 PM

Dear [REDACTED],

While your email states: IPEA has taken this request to indicate that the expenses were not incurred for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business, or that in some other way it represented a convention of section 26, 27 or 28 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2107* (the Act).

Under no circumstances do I agree with this statement.

However, I am unhappy with this ongoing waste of time. I just want this process finished.

Thank you

Anne

Dr Anne Webster MP

Federal Member for Mallee

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TAX INVOICE

Invoice To:

Dr Anne [redacted] Webster MP
Parliament House
PO BOX 6022
[redacted]

Invoice Date: 17.11.2025
Phone number: (02) 6215 3000
Invoice Reference: [redacted]
Payment Reference: [redacted]
Customer No: [redacted]
Payment Due Date: 17.12.2025
Email: [redacted]

On any correspondence,
please quote the Invoice Reference.

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date

Item Description	Net Amount	GST Amount	Total Amount
001 *25 Per cent penalty loading 21 Jun 23	\$90.53		\$90.53
002 *25 Per cent penalty loading 21 Jun 23	\$235.57		\$235.57
003 *Recovery of Airfare 21 Jun 23	\$329.20	\$32.92	\$362.12
004 *25 Per cent penalty loading 22 Jun 23#	\$126.98		\$126.98
005 *Recovery of Airfare 22 Jun 23	\$461.74	\$46.17	\$507.91
006 *Recovery of Airfare 21 Jun 23	\$856.62	\$85.67	\$942.29

Total: \$2,100.64 \$164.76 \$2,265.40

1. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Administered Receipts A/C
[redacted]

2. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders should be made payable to the IPEA.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

IPEA
1 Canberra Avenue FORREST, ACT, 2603

3. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by email to finance@ipea.gov.au or contact the IPEA Help Desk on (02) 6215 3000 with your credit card details.

Card Type: [] Mastercard [] Visa

Card Number: [redacted] Expiry Date: [redacted] CCV [redacted]

Name of Card Holder: Anne Webster Signature: [redacted]

Payment Amount: \$ 2,265.40 Date: 18/11/25 Payment Ref: [redacted]